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OF
PSALMS.

Collected into English Metre, by THOMAS
STERNHOLD, JOHN HOPKINS,
and others, conferred with the Hebrew :

Set forth and allowed to be sung in all Churches, of all the people together, before and after morning and evening Prayer, and also before and after Sermons; and moreover in private houses, for their godly solace and comfort, laying apart all ungodly songs and ballads, which tend onely to the nourishing of vice, and corrupting of youth.

James 5. 13.

If any be afflicted, let him pray: and if any be merry, let him sing Psalms.

Colossians 3. 16.

Let the word of God dwell plenteously in you, in all wisdom, teaching and exhorting one another in Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing unto the Lord in your hearts.



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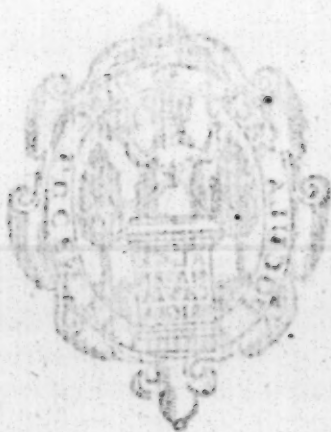
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Veni Creator.

Come holy Ghost, eternal God,
proceeding from above,
Both from the Father and the Son,
the God of peace and love,
Visit our minds, and into us

thy heavenly grace inspire :
That in all truth and godliness,
we may have true desire.

Thou art the very comforter
in all wo and distress :
The heavenly gift of God most high,
which no tongue can express :
The fountain and the lively spring
of joy celestial :
The fire so bright, the love so clear,
and unction spiritual.

Thou in thy gifts art manifold,
whereby Christs church doth stand :
In faithfull hearts writing thy law,
the finger of Gods hand.

According to thy promise made,
thou givest speech of grace :
That through thy help the praise of God
may stand in every place.

O holy Ghost, into our wits
send down thy heavenly light :
Kindle our hearts with fervent love,
to serve God day and night.
Strength and stablish all our weakness,
so feeble and so frail :
That neither flesh, the world, nor devil
against us do prevail.

Put back our enemies far from us,
and grant us to obtain
Peace in our hearts with God and man,
without grudge or disdain.

And grant, O Lord, that thou being
our leader and our guide,
We may eschew the snares of sin,
and from thee never slide.

To us such plenty of thy grace,
good Lord, grant we thee pray,
That thou may'st be our comforter,
at the last dreadfull day.

Of all strife and dissension,
O Lord, dissolve the bands ;
And make the knots of peace and love
throughout all Christian lands.

Grant us, O Lord, through thee to know
the Father most of might :

That of his dear beloved Son
we may attain the sight :
And that with perfect faith also
we may acknowledge thee,

The Spirit of them both alway,
one God in Persons three.
Laud and praise be to the Father,
and to the Son equal,
And to the holy Spirit also,
one God coeternal.

And pray we that the onely Son
vouchsafe his Spirit to send
To all that do profess his name,
unto the worlds end.

The humble suit of a sinner. M.

O Lord of whom I do depend,
behold my carefull heart :
And when thy will and pleasure is,
release me of my smart.
Thou see'st my sorrows what they are,
my grief is known to thee :
And there is none that can remove,
or take the same from me ;

But onely thou whose aid I crave,
whose mercy still is prest
To ease all those that come to thee
for succour and for rest.

And sith thou see'st my restless eyes,
my tears and grievous groan ;
Attend unto my suit, O Lord,
mark well my plaint and moan.

For sin hath so inclosed me,
and compassed me about,
That I am now remediless,
if mercy help not out.

For mortal man cannot release,
or mitigate this pain :
But even thy Christ, my Lord and God,
who for my sins was slain.

Whose bloody wounds are yet to see,
though not with mortal eye :
Yet do thy Saints behold them all,
and so I trust shall I.

Though sin doth hinder me a while,
when thou shalt see it good
I shall enjoy the sight of him,
and see his wounds and blood.

And as thine angels and thy saints
do now behold the same :
So trust I to possess that place,
with them to praise thy name.

But whil'st I live here in this vale
where sinners do frequent,
Assist me ever with thy grace,
my sins still to lament.

Lest that I tread the sinners trace,
and give them my consent

To dwell with them in wickedness,
whereto nature is bent.
Onely thy grace must be my stay,
lest that I fall down flat :
And being down, then of my self
cannot recover that.

Wherefore this is yet once again
my suit and my request,
To grant me pardon for my sin,
that I in thee may rest.
Then shall my heart and tongue also
be instruments of praise,
And in thy Church and house of Saints
sing Psalms to thee always.

Venite exultemus. Psal. xcvi.

O Come and let us now rejoyce,
And sing unto the Lord,
And to our onely Saviour
Also with one accord.

O let us come before his face
With inward reverence,
Confessing all our former sins,
And that with diligence.

To thank him for his benefits
Always distributing :
Wherefore to him right joyfully
In Psalms now let us sing.

And that because that God alone
Is Lord magnificent,
And eke above all other gods
A King omnipotent.

His people doth not he forsake
At any time or tide :
And in his hands are all the coasts
Of all the world so wide.

And with his loving countenance
He looketh every where,
And doth behold the tops of all
The mountains far and near.

The sea and all that is therein
Are his, for he them made :
And eke his hand hath fashioned
The earth which doth not fade.

O come therefore and worship him,
And down before him fall :
And let us kneel before the Lord,
The which hath made us all.
He is our God, our Lord, and King,
And we his people are,
His flock and sheep of his pasture,
Of whom he taketh care.

This day if ye will hear his voice,
Then harden not your heart,
As in the bitter murmuring,
When ye were in desert.

Which thing was of their negligence
Committed in the time

Of trouble in the wilderness,
A great and grievous crime.

Whereas your fathers tempted me
And try'd me every way :
They proved me, and saw my works,
What I could do or say.

These fourty years I have been griev'd
With this generation :
And evermore I said, they err'd
In their imagination :

Wherewith their hearts were sore cumbred
Long time and many days :
Wherefore I said, Assuredly
They have not known my ways.

To whom I in mine anger swore,
That they should not be blest,
Nor see my joy celestial,
Nor enter in my rest.

Gloria Patri.

All laud and praise be to thee, Lord,

O that of might art most,
To God the Father, and the Son,
And to the holy Ghost.

As it in the beginning was
For ever heretofore,
And is now at this present time,
And shall be evermore.

The Song of S. Ambrose, called Te Deum.

WE praise thee, God, we knowledge thee
the onely Lord to be ;

And as eternal Father, all
the earth doth worship thee.
To thee all Angels cry, the heavens
and all the powers therein :

To thee Cherub and Seraphin
to cry they do not lin,

O holy, holy, holy Lord,
of Sabaoth Lord the God ;

Through heaven and earth thy praise is spread,
and glory all abroad.

Th' apostles glorious company
yeeld praises unto thee :

The Prophets goodly fellowship
praise thee continually.

The noble and victorious host
of Martyrs sound thy praise :

The holy Church throughout the world
doth knowledge thee always.

Father of endless Majesty
they do acknowledge thee :

Thy Christ thine honourable, true,
and onely Son to be.

The holy Ghost the comforter ;
of glory thou art King,

O Christ, and of the Father art
the Son everlasting.

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The Song of the three Children.

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When finfull mans decay in hand
thou tookest to restore,
To be inclos'd in virgins womb
thou diddest not abhor.

When thou hadst overcome of death
the sharp and cruel night,
Thou heavens kingdom didst set ope
to each beleev'ing wight.
In glory of the Father thou
dost sit on Gods right hand:
We trust that thou shalt come our Judge
our cause to understand.

Lord, help thy servants whom thou hast
bought with thy precious blood,
And in eternal glory set
them with thy Saints so good.
O Lord, do thou thy people save,
bless thine inheritance:
Lord, govern them, and Lord, do thou
for ever them advance.

We magnifie thee day by day,
and world without an end
Adore thy holy name: O Lord,
vouchsafe us to defend
From sin this day: have mercy, Lord,
have mercy on us all:
And on us, as we trust in thee,
Lord let thy mercy fall.

O Lord, I have reposed all
my confidence in thee:
Put to confounding shame therefore
Lord, let me never be.

The Song of the three Children.

- O** All ye works of God the Lord,
bless ye the Lord, Praise him
and magnifie him for ever.
- 2 O ye angels of the Lord,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
 - 3 O ye the starry heavens high,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
 - 4 O ye waters above the sky,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
 - 5 O all ye powers of the Lord,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
 - 6 O ye the shining Sun and Moon,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
 - 7 O ye the glistering Stars of heaven,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
 - 8 O ye the Showers and dropping Dew,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
 - 9 O ye the blowing winds of God,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
 - 10 O ye the Fire and warming Heat,
bless ye the Lord, &c.

- 11 Ye Winter and the Summer-tide,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 12 O ye the Dews and binding Frosts,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 13 O ye the Frost and chilling Cold,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 14 O ye congealed Ice and Snow,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 15 O ye the Nights and lightsome Days,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 16 O ye the Darkness and the Light,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 17 O ye the Lightnings and the Clouds,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 18 O let the Earth eke bless the Lord,
yea bless the Lord, &c.
- 19 O ye the Mountains and the Hills,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 20 O all the green things on the earth,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 21 O ye the ever-springing Wells,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 22 O ye the Seas, and eke the Flouds,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 23 Whales, and all that in waters move,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 24 O all the flying Fowls of th' air,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 25 O all ye Beasts and Cattel eke,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 26 O ye the Children of mankind,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 27 Let Israel eke bless the Lord,
yea bless the Lord, &c.
- 28 O ye Priests of God the Lord,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 29 O ye the servants of the Lord,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 30 Ye Spirits and Souls of righteous men,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 31 Ye Holy and ye meek of heart,
bless ye the Lord, &c.
- 32 O Ananias, bless the Lord,
bless thou the Lord, &c.
- 33 O Azarias, bless the Lord,
bless thou the Lord, &c.
- 34 And Misael, eke bless the Lord,
bless thou the Lord, &c.

The Song of Zacharias, called *Benedictus.*

THe onely Lord of Israel
Be praised evermore:
For through his visitation
And mercy kept in store,
His people now he hath redeem'd,
That long have been in thrall:
And spread abroad his saving health
Upon his servants all.

In Davids house his servant true,
According to his mind,
And also his anointed King,
As we in Scripture find.

As by his holy Prophets all
Of-times he did declare,
The which were since the world began,
His ways for to prepare.

That we might be delivered
From those that make debate,
Our enemies, and from the hands
Of all that do us hate.

The mercy which he promised
Our fathers to fulfill,
And think upon his Covenant made
According to his will.

And also to perform the Oath
Which he before had sworn
To Abraham our father dear,
For us that were forlorn :

That he would give himself for us,
And us from bondage bring
Out of the hands of all our foes,
To serve our heavenly King.

And that without all manner fear,
And eke in righteousness :
And also for to lead our lives
In stedfast holiness.

And thou, O Child, which now art born
And of the Lord elect,
Shalt be the Prophet of the Highest,
His ways for to direct.

For thou shalt go before his face
For to prepare his ways,
And also for to teach his will
And pleasure a'l thy days.

To give them knowledge how that their
Salvation is near :
And that remission of their sins
Is through his mercy mere.

Whereby the day-spring from on high
Is come us for to visit,
And those for to illuminate
Which do in darkness sit.

To lighten those that shadowed be
With death, and eke oppressed :
And also for to guide our feet
The way to peace and rest.

The Song of the blessed *Mary*, called *Magnificat.*

MY soul doth magnifie the Lord,
My Spirit eke evermore
Rejoyceth in the Lord my God,
Which is my Saviour.

And why ? because he did regard,
And gave respect unto
So base estate of his handmaid,
And let the mighty go.

For now behold all nations
And generations all,
From this time forth for evermore
Shall me right blessed call :

Because he hath me magnified,
Which is the Lord of might ;
Whose name be ever sanctified,
And praised day and night.

For with his mercy and his grace
All men he doth inflame,
Throughout all generations
To such as fear his name.

He shewed strength with his great arm;
And made the proud to start,
With all imaginations
That they bear in their heart.

He hath put down the mighty ones
From their supernal seat,
And did exalt the meek in heart,
As he hath thought it meet.

The hungry he replenished
With all things that were good,
And through his power he made the rich
Of-times to want their food.

And calling to remembrance
His mercy every deal,
Hath holpen up assistantly
His servant Israel.

According to his promise made
To Abraham before,
And to his seed successively,
To stand for evermore.

The Song of *Simeon*, called *Nunc dimittis.*

O Lord, because my hearts desire
Hath wished long to see
My onely Lord and Saviour,
Thy Son before I die :

The joy and health of all mankind,
Desired long before,
Which now is come into the world,
Of mercy bringing store :

Thou sufferest thy servant now
In peace for to depart,
According to thy holy Word,
Which lighteneth my heart.

Because mine eyes which thou hast made
To give my body light,
Have now beheld thy saving health,
Which is the Lord of might,

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Whom thou mercifully hast set,
Of thine abundant grace,
In open sight and visible
Before all peoples face,
The Gentiles to illuminate,
And Satan overquell,
And eke to be the glory of
Thy people Israel.

The Symbol or Creed of *Athanasius*,
called, *Quicumque vult.*

What man soever he be
that salvation will attain,
The Catholick belief he must
before all things retain.
Which faith unless he wholly keep,
and undefiledly,
Without all doubt eternally
he shall be sure to die.
The Catholick belief is this,
that God we worship one
In Trinity, and Trinity
in Unity alone:
So as we neither do confound
the Persons of the three,
Nor yet the substance whole of one
in sunder parted be.
One Person of the Father is,
another of the Son,
Another Person proper of
the holy Ghost alone.
Of Father, Son, and holy Ghost,
but one the Godhead is:
Like glory, coeternal eke
the Majesty likewise.
Such as the Father is, such is
the Son in each degree:
And such also we do beleeve
the holy Ghost to be.
Uncreate is the Father, and
uncreate is the Son,
The holy Ghost uncreate, so
uncreate is each one.
Incomprehensible Father is,
incomprehensible Son,
And comprehensible also is
the holy Ghost of none.
The Father is eternal, and
the Son eternal so,
And in like sort eternal is
the holy Ghost also.
And yet though we beleeve that each
of these eternal be:
Yet there but one Eternal is,
and not Eternals three.

As ne incomprehensible we,
ne yet uncreate three,
But one incomprehensible, one
uncreate hold to be.

Almighty so the Father is,
the Son Almighty so,
And in like sort Almighty is
the holy Ghost also.
And albeit that every one
of these Almighty be;
Yet there but one Almighty is,
and not Almighties three.

The Father God is, God the Son,
God holy Ghost also:
Yet are there not three Gods at all,
but one God, and no mo.
So likewise Lord the Father is,
and Lord also the Son,
And Lord the holy Ghost: yet are
there not three Lords, but one.

For as we are compell'd to grant
by Christian verity,
Each of the persons by himself
both God and Lord to be:
So Catholick religion
forbiddeth us alway,
That either Gods be three, or that
there Lords be three, to say.

Of none the Father is, ne made,
ne create, nor begot:
The Son is of the Father, not
create, ne made, but got:
The holy Ghost is of them both,
the Father and the Son;
Ne made, ne create, nor begot,
but doth proceed alone.

So we one Father hold, not three,
one Son also, not three;
One holy Ghost alone, and not
three holy Ghosts to be.
None in this Trinity before
nor after other is:
Ne greater any then the rest,
ne lesser be likewise.

But every one among themselves
of all the persons three,
Together coeternal all,
and all coequall be.
So Unity in Trinity,
as said it is before,
And Trinity in Unity
in all things we adore.

Therefore what man soever that
salvation will attain,
This faith touching the Trinity
of force he must retain.

And needfull to eternal life
it is, that every wight
Of the incarnating of Christ
our Lord beleeve aright.

For this the right faith is, that we
beleeve and eke do know,
That Christ our Lord the Son of God
is God and man also :
God of his Fathers substance got
before the world began,
And of his Mothers substance born
in world a very man.

Both perfect God and perfect Man
in one, one Jesus Christ :
That doth of reasonable soul
and humane flesh subsist.
Touching his Godhead, equal with
his Father God is he :
Touching his Manhood, lower then
his Father in degree.

Who though he be both very God
and very man also,
Yet is he but one Christ alone,
and is not persons two.
One, not by turning of Godhead
into the flesh of man ;
But by taking manhood to God,
this being one began.

All one, not by confounding of
the substance into one ;
But onely by the Unity
that is of one Person.
For as the reasonable soul
and flesh but one man is :
So in one Person God and Man
is but one Christ likewise.

Who suffered for to save us all ;
to hell he did descend :
The third day rose again from death,
to heaven he did ascend.
He sits at the right hand of God
th' Almighty Father there :
From thence to judge the quick and dead
again he shall appear.

At whose return all men shall rise
with bodies new restor'd,
And of their own works they shall give
account unto the Lord.
And they into eternal life
shall go that have done well :
Who have done ill, shall go into
eternal fire to dwell.

This is the Catholick belief :
who doth not faithfully
Beleeve the same, without all doubt
he saved cannot be.

The Lamentation of a Sinner.

To Father, Son, and holy Ghost,
all glory be therefore :
As in beginning was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

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O Lord, turn not away thy face
From him that lies prostrate,
Lamenting sore his sinfull life
Before thy mercy gate.
Which gate thou openest wide to those
That do lament their sin :
Shut not that gate against me, Lord,
But let me enter in.

And call me not to mine account
How I have lived here :
For then I know right well, O Lord,
How vile I shall appear.
I need not to confess my life,
I am sure thou canst tell :
What I have been, and what I am,
I know thou know'st it well.

O Lord, thou know'st what things be past ;
And eke the things that be :
Thou know'st also what is to come,
Nothing is hid from thee.
Before the heavens and earth were made,
Thou know'st what things were then,
As all things else that have been since
Among the sons of men.

And can the things that I have done
Be hidden from thee then ?
Nay, nay, thou know'st them all, O Lord,
Where they were done, and when.
Wherefore with tears I come to thee
To beg and to intreat,
Even as the child that hath done ill,
And feareth to be beat.

So come I to thy mercy gate,
Where mercy doth abound,
Requiring mercy for my sin,
To heal my deadly wound.
O Lord, I need not to repeat
What I do beg or crave :
Thou know'st, O Lord, before I ask,
The thing that I would have.

Mercy, good Lord, mercy I ask,
This is the total sum :
For mercy, Lord, is all my suit,
Lord, let thy mercy come.

The Lords Prayer, or *Pater noster*.

O Ur Father which in heaven art,
Lord Hallowed be thy Name :
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done
in earth, even as the same
in heaven is. Give us, O Lord,
our daily bread this day.

The X. Commandments.

As we forgive our debtors, so
forgive our debts we pray.
Into temptation lead us not,
from evil make us free.
For kingdom, power, and glory thine,
both now and ever be.

The X. Commandments.

Audi Israel. Exod. 20.

HEark Israel, and what I say
give heed to understand;
I am the Lord thy God that brought
thee out of Egypt land,
Even from the house wherein thou didst
in thralldom live a slave.
None other gods at all, before
my presence shalt thou have.
No manner graven image shalt
thou make at all to thee;
Nor any figure like by thee
shall counterfeited be,
Of any thing in heaven above,
nor in the earth below,
Nor in the waters beneath the earth:
to them thou shalt not bow,
Nor shalt them serve: the Lord thy God,
a jealous God am I;
That punish parents faults unto
the third and fourth degree,
Upon their children that me hate:
and mercy do display
To thousands of such as me love,
and my precepts obey.
The Name thou of the Lord thy God
in vain shalt never use:
For him that takes his Name in vain
the Lord will not excuse.
Remember that thou holy keep
the sacred Sabbath day:
Six days thou labour shalt, and do
thy needfull works alway.
The seventh day is set by the Lord
thy God to rest upon;
No work then shalt thou do in it,
ne thou, nor yet thy son,
Thy daughter, servant, nor thy maid,
thine ox, nor yet thine ass,
Nor stranger that within thy gates
hath his abiding place:
For in six days God heaven and earth,
and all therein did make,
And after those his rest he did
upon the seventh day take.
Wherefore he blest the day that he
for resting did ordain,
And sacred to himself alone
appointed to remain.

The Complaint of a Sinner.

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Yeeld honour to thy Parents, that
prolong'd thy days may be
Upon the land the which the Lord
thy God hath given thee.
Thou shalt not murder. Thou shalt not
commit adultery.
Thou shalt not steal. Nor witness false
against thy neighbour be.
Thou shalt not covet house that to
thy neighbour doth belong:
Ne covet shalt in having of
his wife to do him wrong.
Nor his man-servant, nor his maid,
nor ox, nor ass of his,
Nor any other thing that to
thy neighbour proper is.

The Complaint of a Sinner.

WHere righteousness doth say,
Lord, for my sinfull part,
In wrath thou shouldst me pay
Vengeance for my desert:
I can it not deny,
But needs I must confess
How that continually,
Thy laws I do transgress,
Thy laws I do transgress.
But if it be thy will
With sinners to contend,
Then all thy flock shall spill,
And be lost without end.
For who lives here so right,
That rightly he can say,
He sins not in thy sight
Full oft and every day? Full oft, &c.

The Scripture plain tells me,
The righteous man offendeth
Seven times a day to thee,
Whereon thy wrath dependeth:
So that the righteous man
Doth walk in no such path,
But he falls now and then
In danger of thy wrath, In danger, &c.

Then sith the case so stands,
That even the man right wise
Falls oft in sinfull bands,
Whereby thy wrath may rise;
Lord, I that am unjust,
And righteousness none have,
Whereto then shall I trust
My sinfull soul to save? My sinfull, &c.

But truly to that post
Whereto I cleave and shall,
Which is thy mercy most?
Lord, let thy mercy fall,
And mitigate thy mood,
Or else we perish all,
The price of this thy blood,
Wherein mercy I call, Wherein, &c.

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The third day rose again from death,
to heaven he did ascend.
He sits at the right hand of God
th' Almighty Father there :
From thence to judge the quick and dead
again he shall appear.

At whose return all men shall rise
with bodies new restor'd,
And of their own works they shall give
account unto the Lord.
And they into eternal life
shall go that have done well :
Who have done ill, shall go into
eternal fire to dwell.

This is the Catholick belief :
who doth not faithfully
Beleeve the same, without all doubt
he saved cannot be.

The Lamentation of a Sinner.

To Father, Son, and holy Ghost,
all glory be therefore :
As in beginning was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

The Lamentation of a Sinner.

O Lord, turn not away thy face,
From him that lies prostrate,
Lamenting sore his sinfull life
Before thy mercy gate.
Which gate thou openest wide to those
That do lament their sin :
Shut not that gate against me, Lord,
But let me enter in.

And call me not to mine account
How I have lived here :
For then I know right well, O Lord,
How vile I shall appear.

I need not to confess my life,
I am sure thou canst tell :
What I have been, and what I am,
I know thou know'st it well.

O Lord, thou know'st what things be past,
And eke the things that be :
Thou know'st also what is to come,
Nothing is hid from thee.

Before the heavens and earth were made,
Thou know'st what things were then,
As all things else that have been since
Among the sons of men.

And can the things that I have done
Be hidden from thee then ?
Nay, nay, thou know'st them all, O Lord,
Where they were done, and when.

Wherefore with tears I come to thee
To beg and to intreat,
Even as the child that hath done ill,
And feareth to be beat.

So come I to thy mercy gate,
Where mercy doth abound,
Requiring mercy for my sin,
To heal my deadly wound.

O Lord, I need not to repeat
What I do beg or crave :
Thou know'st, O Lord, before I ask,
The thing that I would have.

Mercy, good Lord, mercy I ask,
This is the total sum :
For mercy, Lord, is all my suit,
Lord, let thy mercy come.

The Lords Prayer, or *Pater noster*.

O Ur Father which in heaven art,
Lord Hallowed be thy Name :
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done
in earth, even as the same
in heaven is. Give us, O Lord,
our daily bread this day.

The X. Commandments.

As we forgive our debtors, so
forgive our debts we pray.
Into temptation lead us not,
from evil make us free.
For kingdom, power, and glory thine,
both now and ever be.

The X. Commandments.

Audi Israel. Exod. 20.

Heark Israel, and what I say
give heed to understand;
I am the Lord thy God that brought
thee out of Egypt land,
Even from the house wherein thou didst
in thralldom live a slave.
None other gods at all, before
my presence shalt thou have.
No manner graven image shalt
thou make at all to thee;
Nor any figure like by thee
shall counterfeited be,
Of any thing in heaven above,
nor in the earth below,
Nor in the waters beneath the earth:
to them thou shalt not bow,
Nor shalt them serve: the Lord thy God,
a jealous God am I,
That punish parents faults unto
the third and fourth degree,
Upon their children that me hate:
and mercy do display
To thousands of such as me love,
and my precepts obey.
The Name thou of the Lord thy God
in vain shalt never use:
For him that takes his Name in vain
the Lord will not excuse.
Remember that thou holy keep
the sacred Sabbath day:
Six days thou labour shalt, and do
thy needfull works alway.
The seventh day is set by the Lord
thy God to rest upon;
No work then shalt thou do in it,
ne thou, nor yet thy son,
Thy daughter, servant, nor thy maid,
thine ox, nor yet thine ass,
Nor stranger that within thy gates
hath his abiding place:
For in six days God heaven and earth,
and all therein did make,
And after those his rest he did
upon the seventh day take.
Wherefore he blest the day that he
for resting did ordain,
And sacred to himself alone
appointed to remain.

The Complaint of a Sinner.

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Yeeld honour to thy Parents, that
prolong'd thy days may be
Upon the land the which the Lord
thy God hath given thee.
Thou shalt not murder. Thou shalt not
commit adultery.
Thou shalt not steal. Nor witness false
against thy neighbour be.
Thou shalt not cover house that to
thy neighbour doth belong:
Ne cover shalt in having of
his wife to do him wrong.
Nor his man-servant, nor his maid,
nor ox, nor ass of his,
Nor any other thing that to
thy neighbour proper is.

The Complaint of a Sinner.

Where righteousness doth say,
Lord, for my sinfull part,
In wrath thou shouldst me pay
Vengeance for my desert:
I can it not deny,
But needs I must confess
How that continually,
Thy laws I do transgress,
Thy laws I do transgress.
But if it be thy will
With sinners to contend,
Then all thy flock shall spill,
And be lost without end.
For who lives here so right,
That rightly he can say,
He sins not in thy sight
Full oft and every day? Full oft, &c.

The Scripture plain tells me,
The righteous man offendeth
Seven times a day to thee,
Whereon thy wrath dependeth:
So that the righteous man
Doth walk in no such path,
But he falls now and then
In danger of thy wrath, In danger, &c.

Then sith the case so stands,
That even the man right wise
Falls oft in sinfull bands,
Whereby thy wrath may rise;
Lord, I that am unjust,
And righteousness none have,
Whereto then shall I trust
My sinfull soul to save? My sinfull, &c.

But truly to that post
Whereto I cleave and shall,
Which is thy mercy most?
Lord, let thy mercy fall,
And mitigate thy mood,
Or else we perish all,
The price of this thy blood,
Wherein mercy I call, Wherein, &c.

The Scripture doth declare
No drop of blood in thee,
But that thou didst not spare
To shed each drop for me.
Now let those drops most sweet
So moist my heart so dry,
That I with sin replete,
May live, and sin may die, May live, &c.

That being mortified
This sin of mine in me,
I may be sanctified
By grace of thine in thee :

So that I never fall
Into such mortal sin,
That my foes infernal
Rejoyce my death therein, Rejoyce my, &c.

But vouchsafe me to keep
From those infernal foes,
And from that lake so deep,
Whereas no mercy grows.
And I shall sing the songs
Confirmed with the just,
That unto thee belongs,
Which art my onely trust, Which art, &c.

The PSALMS of DAVID in Metre.

Beatus vir. Psal. i. T. S.

This Psalm is set first as a preface, to exhort all godly men to study and meditate the heavenly wisdom: for they be blessed that so do: but the wicked contempters thereof at length shall come to misery.



He man is blest that hath not bent
to wicked reade his ear :

Nor lead his life as sinners do,
nor sit in scorn's chair.

2 But in the law of God the Lord
doth set his whole delight :

And in that law doth exercise
himself both day and night.

3 He shall be like the tree that grows
fast by the rivers side :
Which bringeth forth most pleasant fruit
in her due time and tide.

Whose leaf shall never fade nor fall,
but flourish still and stand :
Even so all things shall prosper well,
that this man takes in hand.

4 So shall not the ungodly men,
they shall be nothing so :
But as the dust which from the earth
the wind drives to and fro.

5 Therefore shall not the wicked men
in judgement stand upright :
Nor yet the sinners with the just
shall come in place or sight.

6 For why? the way of godly men
unto the Lord is known :
And eke the way of wicked men
shall quite be overthrowen.

Quare fremuerunt. Psal. ii. T. S.

David rejoyceth, that albeit enemies and worldly power rage, God will advance his kingdom, even to the farthest end of the world: therefore he exhorteth Princes, humbly to submit themselves under the same. Herein is signified Christ and his kingdom.

Why did the Gentiles tumult raise?
what rage was in their brain?

Why did the Jewish people muse,
seeing all is but vain?

2 The kings and rulers of the earth
conspire and are all bent
Against the Lord and Christ his Son,
which he among us sent.

3 Shall we be bound to them? say they;
let all their bonds be broke :
And of their doctrine and their law
let us reject the yoke.

4 But he that in the heaven dwells,
their doings will deride :
And make them all as mocking-stocks
throughout the world so wide.

5 For in his wrath the Lord will say
to them upon a day :
And in his fury trouble them,
and then the Lord will say,

6 I have anointed him my King
upon my holy hill :

I will therefore, Lord, preach thy law,
and eke declare thy will.

7 For in this wise the Lord himself
did say to me I wor,
Thou art my dear and onely Son,
to day I thee begot.

8 All people I will give to thee,
as heirs at thy request :
The ends and coasts of all the earth
by thee shall be possess.

9 Thou shalt them bruise even with a mace,
as men under foot trod :
And as the potters sherds, shalt break
them with an iron rod.

10 Now ye, O kings and rulers all,
be wise therefore and learn'd,
By whom the matters of the world
be judged and discern'd.

11 See that ye serve the Lord above
in trembling and in fear :
See that with reverence ye rejoyce
to him in like manner.

12 See that ye kiss and eke embrace
his blessed Son, I say,
Lest in his wrath ye suddenly
perish in the mid-way.

13 If once his wrath never so small
shall kindle in his breast:
O then all they that trust in Christ
shall happy be and blest.

Domine, quid. Psal. iii. T. S.

David driven out of his kingdom by his son Absalom, was greatly tormented in mind for his sin. Therefore he calleth upon God, and is bold in his promises against the terrour both of enemies and present death. Then he rejoiceth for the victory given to him and the Church, over their enemies.

O Lord, how are my foes increast,
which vex me more and more!
They kill my heart when as they say,
God can him not restore.

2 But thou, O Lord, art my defence,
when I am hard bestead:

3 My worship and mine honour both,
and thou hold'st up my head.

4 Then with my voice upon the Lord
I did both call and cry:

And he out of his holy hill
did hear me by and by.

5 I laid me down, and quietly
I slept, and rose again:

For why? I know assuredly
the Lord will me sustain.

6 If ten thousand had hemm'd me in,
I could not be afraid:

For thou art still my Lord and God,
my Saviour and mine aid.

Rise up therefore, save me, my God,
for now to thee I call:

7 For thou hast broke the cheeks and teeth
of these wicked men all.

8 Salvation onely doth belong
to thee, O Lord above:

Thou dost bestow upon thy folk
thy blessing and thy love.

Cum invocarem. Psal. iv. T. S.

David persecuted by Saul, calleth upon God with assured trust, reproveth his enemies for resisting his dominion, and preferreth the favour of God before all treasure.

O God that art my righteousness,
Lord hear me when I call:

Thou hast set me at liberty,
when I was bound and thrall.

2 Have mercy, Lord, therefore on me,
and grant me my request:

For unto thee uncessantly
to cry I will not rest.

3 O mortal men, how long will ye
my glory thus despise?

Why wander ye in vanity,
and follow after lies?

4 Know ye that good and godly men
the Lord doth take and chuse:

And when to him I make my plaint,
he doth me not refuse.

5 Sin not but stand in awe therefore,
examine well your heart:

And in your chamber quietly
see you your selves convert.

6 Offer to God the sacrifice
of righteousness, I say:

And look that in the living Lord
you put your trust alway.

7 The greater sort crave worldly goods,
and riches do embrace:

But, Lord, grant us thy countenance,
thy favour and thy grace.

8 For thou thereby shalt make my heart
more joyfull and more glad,

Then they that of their corn and wine
full great increase have had.

9 In peace therefore lie down will I,
taking my rest and sleep:

For thou onely wilt me, O Lord,
alone in safety keep.

Verba mea auribus. Psal. v. T. S.

David persecuted by Doeg and Achitophel, Saul's flatterers, calleth upon God to punish their malice. Then assured of success, he conceiveth comfort.

Incline thine ears unto my words,

O Lord, my plaint consider:

2 And hear my voice, my King, my God,
to thee I make my prayer.

3 Hear me betime, Lord, tarry not,
for I will have respect,

My prayer early in the morn
to thee for to direct.

4 And I will trust through patience
in thee my God alone:

Thou art not pleas'd with wickedness,
and ill with thee dwells none.

5 And in thy sight shall never stand
these furious fools, O Lord:

Vain workers of iniquity
thou hast always abhorr'd.

6 The liars and the flatterers,
thou shalt destroy them than:

And God will hate the bloud-thirsty,
and the deceitfull man.

7 Therefore will I come to thine house,
trusting upon thy grace:

And

And reverently will worship thee
toward thine holy place.
8 Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
for to confound my foes :
And eke the way that I shall walk
before my face disclose.
9 For in their mouthes there is no truth,
their heart is foul and vain :
Their throat an open sepulchre,
their tongues do close and fain.
10 Destroy their false conspiracies,
that they may come to nought :
Subvert them in their heaps of sin,
which have rebellion wrought.
11 But those that put their trust in thee,
let them be glad always,
And render thanks for thy defence,
and give thy name the praise.
12 For thou with favour wilt increase
the just and righteous still :
And with thy grace, as with a shield,
defend him from all ill.

Domine, nē in furore. Psal. vi. T. S.

*David for his sins felt Gods hand, and conceived the
horror of everlasting death. Therefore he desireth
forgiveness, and not to die in Gods indignation.
Then suddenly feeling Gods mercy, he rebuketh
his enemies, who rejoiced at his affliction.*

Lord, in thy wrath reprove me not,
though I deserve thine ire :
Nē yet correct me in thy rage,
O Lord, I thee desire.
2 For I am weak, therefore, O Lord,
of mercy me forbear :
And heal me, Lord ; for why ? thou know'st
my bones do quake for fear.
3 My soul is troubled very sore,
and vexed vehemently :
But Lord, how long wilt thou delay
to cure my misery ?
4 Lord, turn thee to thy wonted grace,
my silly soul up take :
O save me, not for my deserts,
but for thy mercies sake.
5 For why ? no man among the dead
remembreth thee one whit :
Or who shall worship thee, O Lord,
in the infernal pit ?
6 So grievous is my plaint and moan,
that I wax wondrous faint :
All the night long I wash my bed
with tears of my complaint.
7 My sight is dim, and waxeth old
with anguish of my heart,
For fear of those that be my foes,
and would my soul subvert.

8 But now away from me, all ye
that work iniquity :
For why ? the Lord hath heard the voice
of my complaint and cry.
9 He heard not onely the request
and prayer of my heart ;
But it received at my hands,
and took it in good part.
10 And now my foes that vexed me
the Lord will soon defame :
And suddenly confound them all,
to their rebuke and shame.

Domine Deus meus. Psal. vii. T. S.

*David falsely accused by Chus Sauls kinsman, calleth
to God to be his defender. First, for that his con-
science did not accuse him of any evil towards
Saul ; next, that it touched Gods glory to award
sentence against the wicked : and so upon Gods
mercies and promises he waxeth bold, threatening
that it shall fall on their own necks, which his ene-
mies purposed for others.*

O Lord my God, I put my trust
and confidence in thee :
Save me from them that me pursue,
and eke deliver me.
2 Lest like a lion he me tear
and rend in pieces small,
While there is none to succour me
and rid me out of thrall.
3 O Lord my God, if I have done
the thing that is not right,
Or else if I be found in fault,
or guilty in thy fight :
4 Or to my friend rewarded ill,
or left him in distress,
Which me pursu'd most cruelly,
and hated me causeless :
5 Then let my foes pursue my soul,
and eke my life down thrust
Unto the earth, and also lay
mine honour in the dust.
6 Start up, O Lord, now in thy wrath,
and put my foes to pain :
Perform the kingdom promised
to me which wrong sustain.
7 Then shall great nations come to thee,
and know thee by this thing,
If thou declare, for love of them,
thy self as Lord and King.
8 And as thou art of all men Judge,
O Lord, now judge thou me
According to my righteousness
and mine integrity.

The second part.

9 Lord, cease the hate of wicked men,
and be the just mans guide :

- 10 By whom the secrets of all hearts
are searched and descri'd.
- 11 I take my help to come of God,
in all my pain and smart,
That doth preserve all those that be
of pure and perfect heart.
- 12 The just man and the wicked both
God judgeth by his power :
So that he feels his mighty hand
even every day and hour.
- 13 Except he change his mind, I die ;
for even as he should smite,
He whets his sword, his bowe he bends,
aiming where he may hit :
- 14 And doth prepare his mortal darts,
his arrows keen and sharp.
For them that do me persecute,
whiles he doth mischief warp.
- 15 But lo, though he in travail be
of his devilish forecast,
And of his mischief once conceiv'd,
yet brings forth nought at last.
- 16 He digs a ditch and delves it deep,
in hope to hurt his brother :
But he shall fall into the pit
that he dig'd up for other.
- 17 Thus wrong returneth to the hurt
of him in whom it bred,
And all the mischief that he wrought
shall fall upon his head.
- 18 I will give thanks to God therefore
that judgeth righteously,
And with my song will praise the name
of him that is most high.

Domine Deus noster. Pſal. viii. T. S.

*The prophet considering the excellent liberality and
fatherly providence of God towards man, whom he
made as it were a god over all his works, giveth
thanks, and is astonied with the admiration of
the same.*

- O** God our Lord, how wonderfull
are thy works every where,
Whose fame surmounts in dignity
above the heavens clear.
- 2 Even by the mouth of sucking babes
thou wilt confound thy foes :
For in those babes thy might is seen,
thy graces they disclose.
 - 3 And when I see the heavens high,
the works of thine own hand ;
The Sun, the Moon, and all the Stars,
in order as they stand.
 - 4 What thing is man, Lord, think I then,
that thou dost him remember ?
Or what is mans posterity,
that thou dost it consider ?

- 5 For thou hast made him little less
then Angels in degree :
And thou hast crowned him also
with glory and dignity.
- 6 Thou hast prefer'd him to be lord
of all thy works of wonder :
And at his feet hast set all things,
that he should keep them under.
- 7 As sheep, and neat, and all beasts else,
that in the fields do feed :
- 8 Fowls of the air, fish in the sea,
and all that therein breed.
- 9 Therefore must I say once again,
O God that art our Lord,
How famous and how wonderfull
are thy works through the world !

Confitebar tibi, Domine. Pſal. ix. T. S.

*David giveth thanks for his manifold victories re-
ceived, desireth the same wonted help again, a-
gainst his new enemies, and their malicious arro-
gancy to be destroyed.*

- W**ith heart and mouth unto the Lord
will I sing laud and praise :
And speak of all thy wondrous works,
and them declare always.
- 2 I will be glad and much rejoyce
in thee, O God most high :
And make my songs extoll thy name
above the starry sky.
 - 3 For that my foes are driven back
and turned unto flight :
They fall down flat, and are destroy'd
by thy great power and might.
 - 4 Thou hast revenged all my wrong,
my grief and all my grudge :
Thou dost with justice hear my cause,
most like a righteous Judge.
 - 5 Thou dost rebuke the heathen folk,
and wicked so confound,
That afterward the memory
of them cannot be found.
 - 6 My foes thou hast made good dispatch,
and all their towns destroy'd :
Thou hast their fame with them defac'd,
through all the world so wide.
 - 7 Know thou that he which is above
for evermore shall reign,
And in the seat of equity
true judgement will maintain.
 - 8 With justice he will keep and guide
the world and every wight :
And so will yeeld with equity
to every man his right.
 - 9 He is protectour of the poor,
what time they be oppress :

He is in all adversity,
their refuge and their rest.
10 And they that know thy holy name,
therefore shall trust in thee;
For thou forsakest not their faith
in their necessity.

The second part.

11 Sing Psalms therefore unto the Lord
that dwells on Sion hill.
Publish among all nations
his noble acts and will.
12 For he is mindful of the blood
of those that be oppressed:
Forgetting not th' afflicted heart
that seeks to him for rest.
13 Have mercy, Lord, on me poor wretch,
whose enemies still remain,
Which from the gates of death are wont
to raise me up again.
14 In Sion that I might set forth
thy praise with heart and voice.
And that in thy salvation, Lord,
my soul might still rejoyce.
15 The heathen stick fast in the pit,
that they themselves prepared,
And in the net that they did set
their own feet fast are snar'd.
16 God shews his judgements, which were good
for every man to mark,
When as you see the wicked man
lie trap in his own work.
17 The wicked and deceitfull men
go down to hell for ever,
And all the people of the world,
that will not God remember.
18 But sure the Lord will not forget
the poor mans grief and pain:
The patient people never look
for help of God in vain.
19 O Lord arise, lest men prevail
that be of worldly might:
And let the heathen folk receive
their judgement in thy sight.
20 Lord, strike such terror, fear, and dread,
into the hearts of them,
That they may know assuredly
they be but mortal men.

Ut quid, Domine. Psal. x. T.S.

He complaineth of all the wrongs which worldly men
use, because of their prosperity; who therefore with-
out all fear of God, think they may do all things
uncontrolled. He calleth for remedy against such,
and is comforted with the hope thereof.

What is the cause that thou, O Lord,
art now so far from thine,
And keepest close thy countenance
from us this troublous time?

2 The poor do perish by the proud,
and wicked mens desire:
Let them be taken in the craft
that they themselves confire.
3 For in the lust of his own heart
th' ungodly doth delight:
So doth the wicked praise himself,
and doth the Lord despight.
4 He is so proud, that right and wrong
he setteth all apart:
Nay, nay, there is no God, saith he,
for thus he thinks in heart.
5 Because his ways do prosper still,
he doth thy laws neglect,
And with a blast doth puff against
such as would him correct.
6 Tush, tush, saith he, I have no dread,
lest mine estate should change:
And why? for all adversity
to him is very strange.
7 His mouth is full of curledness,
of fraud, deceit, and guile:
Under his tongue doth mischief sit,
and travel all the while.
8 He lieth hid in ways and holes
to slay the innocent:
Against the poor that pass him by
his cruel eyes are bent.
9 And like a lion privily
lies lurking in his den,
If he may snare them in his net,
to spoil poor simple men.
10 And for the nonce full craftily
he croucheth down, I say:
11 So are great heaps of poor men made
by his strong power his prey.

The second part.

12 Tush, God forgetteth this, saith he,
therefore I may be bold:
His countenance is cast aside,
he doth it not behold.
13 Arise, O Lord, O God, in whom
the poor mans hope doth rest:
Lift up thy hand, forget not, Lord,
the poor that be oppressed.
14 What blasphemy is this to thee,
Lord, dost thou not abhor it,
To hear the wicked in their heart
say, Tush, thou canst not for it?
15 But thou seest all their wickedness,
and well dost understand
16 That friendless and poor fatherless
are left into thy hand.
17 Of wicked and malicious men
then break the power for ever,
That they with their inquiry
may perish altogether.

- 18 The Lord shall reign for evermore
as King and God alone.
And he will chase the heathen folk
out of the land each one.
- 19 Thou hearst, O Lord, the poor mens' plaint
their prayers and request:
Their hearts thou wilt confirm, untill
thine ears to hear be prest:
- 20 To judge the poor and fatherless,
and help them to their right:
That they may be no more oppress'd
by men of worldly might.

In Domino confido. Psal. xi. T. S.

*This Psalm sheweth, first, what assaults of temptation,
and anguish of mind he sustained in persecution.
Next, he rejoiceth that God sent him succour in
necessity, declaring his justice, as well in govern-
ing the good and wicked men, as the whole world.*

- I** Trust in God, how dare ye then
say thus my soul untill,
Flie hence as fast as any fowl,
and hide you in your hill?
- 2 Behold the wicked bend their bowes,
and make their arrows prest
To shoot in secret, and to hurt
the sound and harmless breast.
- 3 Of worldly hope all stays were shrunk,
and clearly brought to nought:
Alas, the just and righteous man,
what evil hath he wrought?
- 4 But he that in his temple is
most holy and most high,
And in the heavens hath his seat
of royal majesty.
- The poor and simple mans estate
considereth in his mind,
And searcheth out full narrowly
the manners of mankind;
- 5 And with a choerfull countenance
the righteous man will use:
But in his heart he doth abhor
all such as mischief use:
- 6 And on the sinners casteth snares
as thick as any rain,
Fire and brimstone, and whirlwinds thick,
appointed for their pain.
- 7 Ye see then how a righteous God
doth righteousness embrace,
And to the just and upright men
shews forth his pleasant face.

Saluum me fac. Psal. xii. T. S.

*The Prophet seeing the miserable decay of all good
order, desireth God speedily to send reformation.
Then comforted with the assurance of Gods help*

*and promises, concluding that when all orders are
most corrupted, then God will deliver his*

- H**elp, Lord, for good and godly men
do perish and decay:
And faith and truth from worldly men
is parted clean away:
- 2 Who so doth with his neighbour talk,
his talk is all but vain:
For every man bethinketh how
to flatter, lie, and feign.
- 3 But flattering and deceitfull lips,
and tongues that be so stout
To speak proud words and make great brags,
the Lord soon cuts them out.
- 4 For they say still, We will prevail,
our tongues shall us extoll:
Our tongues are ours, we ought to speak:
what Lord shall us controll?
- 5 But for the great complaint and cry
of poor and men oppress'd,
Arise will I, now saith the Lord,
and them restore to rest.
- 6 Gods word is like to silver pure,
that from the earth is trild:
And hath no less then seven times
in fire been purild.
- 7 Now sith thy promise is to help,
Lord, keep thy promise then:
And save us now and evermore
from this ill kind of men.
- 8 For now the wicked world is full
of mischiefs manifold,
When vanity with worldly men
so highly is extoll'd.

Usquequo, Domine. Psal. xiii. T. S.

*David as it were overcome with affliction, flyeth to
God his onely refuge: and encouraged through
Gods promises, he conceiveth confidence against
the extreme horrors of death.*

- H**ow long wilt thou forget me, Lord,
shall I ne're be remembered?
How long wilt thou thy village hide,
as though thou wert offended?
- 2 In heart and mind how long shall I
with care tormented be?
How long eke shall my deadly foes
thus triumph over me?
- 3 Behold me now, my Lord my God,
and hear me sore oppress'd,
Lighen mine eyes, lest that I sleep
as one by death posses'd:
- 4 Lest that mine enemy say to me,
behold, I do prevail:
Lest they also that hate my soul,
rejoyce to see me quail.

5 But from thy mercy and goodness
my hope shall never stare:
In thy relief and saving health
right glad shall be my heart.
6 I will give thanks unto the Lord,
and praises to him sing:
Because he hath heard my request,
and granted my wishing.

Dixit insipiens. Psal. xiv. T. S.

He describeth the wickedness of men grown to such
licentiousness, that God was brought to utter
contempt: for which, albeit he was greatly
grieved, yet persuaded that God would redress
it, he is comforted.

There is no God, as foolish men
affirm in their mad mood:

Their drifts are all corrupt and vain,
not one of them doth good.

2 The Lord beheld from heaven high
the whole race of mankind;

And saw not one that sought indeed
the living God to find.

3 They went all wide and were corrupt,
and truly there was none

That in the world did any good,
I say, there was not one.

4 Is all their judgement so far lost,
that all work mischief still,

Eating my people even as bread,
not one to seek Gods will.

5 When they thus rage, then suddenly
great fear on them shall fall:

For God doth love the righteous men,
and will maintain them all.

6 Ye mock the doings of the poor,
to their reproach and shame:

Because they put their trust in God,
and call upon his name.

7 But who shall give thy people health,
and when wilt thou fulfill

Thy promise made to Israel
from out of Zion hill?

8 Even when thou shalt restore again
such as were captive led,

Then Jacob shall therein rejoyce,
and Israel shall be glad.

Domine, quis. Psal. xv. T. S.

Here is taught why God chose the Jews to be his pe-
culiar people, and placed his temple among them;
which was, that they by living uprightly, might
witness that they were his special and holy people.

O Lord, within thy tabernacle
who shall inhabit still?

Or whom wilt thou receive to dwell
in thy most holy hill?

2 The man whose life is uncorrupt,
whose works are just and straight:

Whose heart doth think the very truth,
whose tongue speaks no deceit.

3 Nor to his neighbour doth none ill
in body, goods, or name,

Nor willingly doth move false tales,
which might impair the same.

4 That in his heart regardeth not
malicious wicked men:

But those that love and fear the Lord
he maketh much of them.

5 His oath and all his promises
that keepeth faithfully,

Although he make his covenant so
that he doth lose thereby.

6 That putteth not to usury
his money and his coyn,

Ne for to hurt the innocent
doth bribe or else purloyn.

7 Whoso doth all things as you see
that here is to be done,

Shall never perish in this world,
nor in the world to come.

Conserva me. Psal. xvi. T. S.

David prayeth to God for succour, not for his works,
but for his faiths sake, protesting that he hateth all
idolatry, taking God onely for his comfort and fel-
icity, who suffereth his to lack nothing.

Lord, keep me, for I trust in thee,
and do confets indeed

Thou art my God, and of my goods,
O Lord, thou hast no need

2 I give my goods unto the saints
that in the world do dwell

And namely to the faithful flock
in vertue that excell.

3 They shall heap sorrows on their heads,
which run as they were mad,

To offer to the idol-gods:
alas, it is too bad.

4 As for their bloody sacrifices
and offerings of that sort,

I will not touch, nor yet thereof
my lips shall make report.

5 For why? the Lord the portion is
of mine inheritance:

And thou art he that dost maintain
my rent, my lot, my chance.

6 The place wherein my lot did fall,
in beauty did excell:

Mine heritage assign'd to me
doth please me wondrous well.

- 7 I thank the Lord that cauſed me
to underſtand the right :
For by his means my ſecret thoughts
do teach me every night.
8 I ſet the Lord ſtill in my ſight,
and truſt him over all :
For he doth ſtand on my right hand,
therefore I ſhall not fall.
9 Wherefore my heart and tongue alſo
do both rejoyce together :
My fleſh and body reſt in hope,
when I this thing conſider.
10 Thou wilt not leave my ſoul in grave,
for, Lord, thou loveſt me :
Nor yet wilt give thy holy One
corruption for to ſee.
11 But wilt me teach the way to life ;
for all treaſure and ſtore
Of perfect joy are in thy face,
and power for evermore.

Exaudi, Domine. Pſal. xvii. T. S.

*Here he complaineth to God of the cruel pride and
arrogancy of Saul, who raged without any cauſe :
therefore he deſireth God to revenge his innocency,
and deliver him.*

- O** Lord, give ear to my juſt cauſe,
attend when I complain :
And hear the prayer that I put forth
with lips that do not ſain.
2 And let the judgement of my cauſe
proceed always from thee :
And let thine eyes behold and clear
this my ſimplicity.
3 Thou haſt well try'd me in the night,
and yet couldſt nothing find
That I have ſpoken with my tongue
that was not in my mind.
4 As for the works of wicked men,
and paths perverſe and ill,
For love of thy moſt holy Name,
I have refrained ſtill.
5 Then in thy paths that be moſt pure
ſtay me, Lord, and preſerve :
That from the way wherein I walk
my ſteps may never ſwerve.
6 For I do call to thee, O Lord,
ſurely thou wilt me aid :
Then hear my prayer, and weigh right well
the words that I have ſaid.
7 O thou the Saviour of all them
that put their truſt in thee,
Declare thy ſtrength on them that ſpurn
againſt thy Maſteſty.
8 O keep me as thou wouldeſt keep
the apple of thine eye :
And under covert of thy wings
defend me ſecretly.

The ſecond part.

- 9 From wicked men that trouble me
and daily me annoy,
And from my foes that go about
my ſoul for to deſtroy :
10 Which wallow in their worldly wealth,
ſo full and eke ſo fat,
That in their pride they do not ſpare
to ſpeak they care not what.
11 They lie in wait where I ſhould paſs,
with craft me to confound :
And muſing miſchief in their minds,
to caſt me to the ground.
12 Much like a lion greedily,
that would his prey embrace :
Or lurking like a lions whelp
within ſome ſecret place.
13 Up Lord in haſte, prevent my foe,
and caſt him at thy feet :
Save thou my ſoul from the ill man,
and with the ſword him ſmite.
14 Deliver me, Lord, by thy power
out of theſe tyrants hands :
Which now ſo long time reigned have,
and kept us in their bands.
15 I mean from worldly men, to whom
all worldly goods are riſe,
That have no hope nor part of joy
but in this preſent life.
16 Thou of thy ſtore their bellies fill'ſt
with pleaſure to their mind :
Their children have enough, and leave
to theirs the reſt behind.
17 But I ſhall with pure conſcience
behold thy gracious face :
So when I wake I ſhall be full
of thine image and grace.

Diligam te, Dom. Pſal. xviii. T. S.

*David giveth thanks entring into his kingdom, ex-
tolling the marvellous graces of God in his preſer-
vation : herein is the image of Chriſts kingdom,
which ſhall conquer through Chriſt, by the un-
ſpeakable love of God, though all the world reſiſt.*

- O** God my ſtrength and fortitude,
of force I muſt love thee :
Thou art my caſtle and defence
in my neceſſity.
2 My God, my rock-in whom I truſt,
the worker of my wealth :
My refuge, buckler, and my ſhield,
the horn of all my health.
3 When I ſing laud unto the Lord
moſt worthy to be ſerved,
Then from my foes I am right ſure
that I ſhall be preſerved.
4 The pangs of death did compaſs me,
and bound me every where :
The flowing waves of wickedneſs
did put me in great fear.

5 The ſly and ſubtil ſnares of hell
were round about me ſet :
And for my death there was prepar'd
a deadly trapping net.

6 I thus beſet with pain and grief,
did pray to God for grace :
And he forthwith did hear my plaint
out of his holy place.

7 Such is his power that in his wrath
he made the earth to quake,
Yea, the foundation of the mount
of Baſan for to ſhake.

8 And from his noſtrils came a ſmoke,
when kindled was his ire :
And from his mouth came kindled coals
of hot conſuming fire.

9 The Lord deſcended from above,
and bowed the heavens high ;
And underneath his feet he caſt
the darkneſs of the ſky.

10 On cherubs and on cherubims
full royally he rode :
And on the wings of all the winds
came flying all abroad.

The ſecond part.

11 And like a den moſt dark he made
his hid and ſecret place :
With waters black and airy clouds
environed he was.

12 But when the preſence of his face
in brightneſs ſhall appear :
Then clouds conſume, and in their ſtead
come hail and coals of fire.

13 The fiery darts and thunderbolts,
diſperſe them here and there :
And with his often lightenings
he puts them in great fear.

14 Lord, at thy wrath and threatenings,
and at thy chiding chear,
The ſprings and the foundations
of all the world appear.

15 And from above the Lord ſent down
to fetch me from below,
And pluckt me out of waters great,
that would me overflow.

16 And me delivered from my foes
that would have made me thrall :
Yea, from ſuch foes as were too ſtrong
for me to deal withall.

17 They did prevent me to oppreſs
in time of my great grief :
But yet the Lord was my defence,
my ſuccour and relief.

18 He brought me forth in open place,
whereas I might be free,
And kept me ſafe, becauſe he had
a favour unto me.

19 And as I was an innocent,
ſo did he me regard,

And to the cleanneneſs of my hands
he gave me my reward :

20 For that I walked in his ways,
and in his paths have trod,
And have not wavered wickedly
againſt my Lord and God.

The third part.

21 But evermore I have reſpect
to his law and decree :
His ſtatutes and commandements
I caſt not out from me.

22 But pure and clean, and uncorrupt
appear'd before his face,
And did refrain from wickedneſs
and ſin in any caſe.

23 The Lord therefore will me reward
as I have done aright :
And to the cleanneneſs of my hands,
appearing in his ſight.

24 For, Lord, with him that holy is
wilt thou be holy too,
And with the good and vertuous men
right vertuoſly wilt do.

25 And to the loving and elect
thy love thou wilt reſerve :
And thou wilt uſe the wicked men
as wicked men deſerve.

26 For thou doſt ſave the ſimple folk
in trouble when they lie,
And doſt bring down the countenance
of them that look full high.

27 The Lord will light my candle ſo
that it ſhall ſhine full bright :
The Lord my God will make alſo
my darkneſs to be light.

28 For by thy help an hoſt of men
diſcomfit, Lord, I ſhall :
By thee I ſcale and overleap
the ſtrength of any wall.

29 Unſpotted are the ways of God,
his word is purely tri'd :
He is a ſure defence to ſuch
as in his faith abide.

30 For who is God except the Lord ?
for other there is none :
Or elſe who is omnipotent,
ſaving our God alone ?

The fourth part.

31 The God that girdeth me with ſtrength,
is he that I do mean,
That all the ways wherein I walk
did evermore keep clean :

32 That made my feet like to the harts
in ſwiftneſs of my pace,
And for my ſurety brought me forth
into an open place.

33 He did in order put my hands
to battel and to fight :

To break in sunder bars of brass
he gave my arms the might.
34 Thou teachest me thy saving health,
thy right hand is my tower :
Thy love and familiarity
doth still increase my power.

35 And under me thou makest plain
the way where I should walk,
So that my feet shall never slip,
nor stumble at a balk.

36 And fiercely I pursue and take
my foes that me annoy'd :
And from the field do not return
till they be all destroy'd.

37 So I suppress and wound my foes,
that they can rise no more :
For at my feet they fall down flat,
I strike them all so sore.

38 For thou dost gird me with thy strength
to war in such a wise,
That they be all scatt'ed abroad
that up against me rise.

39 Lord, thou hast put into my hands
my mortal enemies yoke :
And all my foes thou dost divide
in sunder with thy stroke.

40 They call'd for help, but none gave ear,
nor help them with relief :
Yea, to the Lord they call'd for help,
yet heard he not their grief.

The fifth part.

41 And still like dust before the wind
I drive them under feet,
And sweep them out like filthy clay
that sticketh in the street.

42 Thou keep'st me from seditious folk
that still in strife are led :
And thou dost of the heathen folk
appoint me to be head.

43 A people strange to me unknown,
and yet they shall me serve :
And at the first obey my word,
whereas mine own will swerve.

44 I shall be irksome to mine own,
they will not see my light :
But wander wide out of the way,
and hide them out of sight.

45 But blessed be the living Lord,
most worthy of all praise,
That is my rock and saving health,
praised be he always.

46 For God it is that gave me power,
revenged for to be,
And with his holy word subdu'd
the people unto me.

47 And from my foe delivered me,
and set me higher then those
That cruel and ungodly were,
and up against me rose.

48 And for this cause, O Lord my God,
to thee give thanks I shall,
And sing out praises to thy Name
among the Gentiles all.

49 That gavest great prosperity
unto the king, I say,
To David thine anointed king,
and to his seed for ay.

Cæli enarrant. Psal. xix. T. S.

*He moveth the faithfull to glorifie God by the work-
manship, proportion, and ornaments of the hea-
vens, and by the law wherein God is revealed fa-
miliarly to his chosen people.*

THe heavens and the firmament
do wondrously declare
The glory of God omnipotent,
his works and what they are.

2 The wondrous works of God appear
by every days success :
The nights likewise which their race run,
the self-same thing expresse.

3 There is no language, tongue, or speech,
where their sound is not heard,
In all the earth and coasts thereof
their knowledge is conferr'd.

4 In them the Lord made for the sun
a place of great renown,
Who like a bridegroom ready trimm'd
doth from his chamber come.

5 And as a valiant champion,
who for to get a prize,
With joy doth haste to take in hand
some noble enterprise.

6 And all the sky from end to end
he compasseth about :
Nothing can hide it from his heat,
but he will find it out.

7 How perfect is the law of God,
how is his covenant sure,
Converting souls, and making wise
the simple and obscure.

8 Just are the Lords commandements,
and glad both heart and mind :
His precept's pure, and giveth light
to eyes that be full blind.

9 The fear of God is excellent,
and doth endure for ever :
The judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether :

10 And more to be embrac'd alway
then fined gold, I say :
The honey and the honey-comb
are not so sweet as they.

11 By them thy servant is forewarn'd
to have God in regard,
And in performance of the same
there shall be great reward.

12 But Lord, what earthly man doth know
the errors of his life?
Then cleanse me from my secret sins,
which are in me most rife.

13 And keep me that presumptuous sins
prevail not over me:
And so shall I be innocent,
and great offences flee.

14 Accept my mouth and eke my heart,
my words and thoughts each one:
For my Redeemer and my strength,
O Lord, thou art alone.

Exaudiat te Dominus. Psal. xx. T.S.

The people pray to God to hear their king, and receive his sacrifice which he offered before he went to battel against the Ammonites; declaring that the heathen put their trust in horses, but they trust onely in his Name: wherefore the other shall fall, but the king and his people shall stand.

IN trouble and adversity
the Lord God hear thee still,
The majesty of Jacobs God
defend thee from all ill;

2 And send thee from his holy place
his help at every need,
And so in Sion stablish thee
and make thee strong indeed.

3 Remembring well the sacrifice:
that now to him is done:
And so receive right thankfully
thy burnt offerings each one.

4 According to thy hearts desire
the Lord grant unto thee,
And all thy counsel and device
full well perform may he.

5 We shall rejoyce when thou us sav'st,
and our banners display
Unto the Lord, which thy requests
fulfilled hath alway.

6 The Lord will his anointed save,
I know well by his grace,
And send him help by his right hand
out of his holy place.

7 In chariots some put confidence,
and some in horses trust:
But we remember God our Lord,
that keepeth promise just.

8 They fall down flat, but we do rise,
and stand up stedfastly.

9 Now save and help us, Lord and King,
on thee when we do cry.

Domine, in virtute. Psal. xxi. T.S.

David in the person of the people praiseth God for the victory given them against the Syrians and Ammonites, 2 Sam. 10. wherein he was crowned with the crown of the king of Ammon, 2 Sam. 12. and endued with the manifold blessings of God.

O Lord, how joyfull is the king
in thy strength and thy power!
How vehemently doth he rejoyce
in thee his Saviour!

2 For thou hast given unto him
his godly hearts desire:
To him nothing thou hast deni'd
of that he did require.

3 Thou didst prevent him with thy gifts
and blessings manifold,
And thou hast set upon his head
a crown of perfect gold.

4 And when he asked life of thee,
thereof thou mad'st him sure,
To have long life, yea such a life
as ever shall endure.

5 Great is his glory by thy help,
thy benefit and aid:

Great worship and great honour both
thou hast upon him laid.

6 Thou wilt give him felicity
that never shall decay,

And with thy cheerfull countenance
wilt comfort him alway.

7 For why? the king doth strongly trust
in God for to prevail:

Wherefore his goodness and his grace
will not that he shall quail.

8 But let thine enemies feel thy force,
and those that thee withstand:

Find out thy foes, and let them feel
the power of thy right hand.

9 And like an oven burn them, Lord,
in fiery flame and fume:

Thine anger shall destroy them all,
and fire shall them consume.

10 And thou shalt root out of the earth
their fruit that should increase:

And from the number of thy folk
their seed shall end and cease.

11 For why? much mischief did they muse
against thy holy Name:

Yet did they fail, and had no power
for to perform the same.

12 But as a mark thou shalt them set
in a most open place,

And charge thy bowe-strings readily
against thine enemies face.

13 Be thou exalted, Lord, therefore
in thy ſtrength every hour :
So ſhall we ſing right ſolemnly,
praiſing thy might and power.

Deus, Deus meus. Pſal. xxii. T. S.

*David complaineth of his deſperate extremities, and
declareth whereby he recovereth himſelf from
temptation. Under his perſon is figured Chriſt.*

O God my God, wherefore doſt thou
forſake me utterly,
And helpeſt not when I do make,
my great complaint and cry ?
2 To thee my God even all day long
I do both cry and call :
I ceaſe not all the night, and yet
thou heareſt not at all.
3 Even thou that in thy ſanctuary
and holy place doſt dwell,
Thou art the comfort and the joy,
and glory of Iſrael :
4 And he in whom our fathers old
had all their hope for ever :
And when they put their truſt in thee,
thou didſt them ay deliver.
5 They were delivered ever when
they called on thy Name :
And for the faith they had in thee
they were not put to ſhame.
6 But I am now become a worm
more like chen any man :
An out-caſt whom the people ſcorn
with all the ſpight they can.
7 All men deſpiſe as they behold
me walking on the way :
They grin, they mow, they nod their heads,
and on this wiſe they ſay,
8 This man did glory in the Lord,
his favour and his love,
Let him redeem and help him now,
his power if he will prove.
9 But Lord, out of my mothers womb
I came by thy requeſt :
Thou didſt preſerve me ſtill in hope,
while I did ſuck her breaſt.
10 I was committed from my birth
with thee to have abode :
Since I was in my mothers womb,
thou haſt been e're my God.

The ſecond part.

11 Then, Lord, depart not now from me
in this my preſent grief,
Since I have none to be my help,
my ſuccour and relief.

12 So many bulls do compaſs me
that be full ſtrong of head :
Yea bulls ſo far as though they had
in Baſan field been fed.
13 They gape upon me greedily,
as though they would me ſlay :
Much like a lion roaring out,
and ramping for his prey.
14 But I drop down like water ſhed,
my joynts in ſunder break,
My heart doth in my body melt
like wax againſt the heat.
15 And like a poſſherd dri'th my ſtrength,
my tongue it cleaveth faſt
Unto my jaws, and I am brought
to duſt of death at laſt.
16 And many dogs do compaſs me,
and wicked counſel eke
Conſpire againſt me curſedly ;
they pierce my hands and feet.
17 I was tormented, ſo that I
might all my bones have told :
Yet ſtill upon me they do look,
and ſtill they me behold.
18 My garments they divided eke
in parts among them all :
And for my coat they did caſt lots
to whom it might befall.
19 Therefore, I pray thee, be not far
from me at my great need :
But rather, ſith thou art my ſtrength,
to help me, Lord, make ſpeed.
20 And from the ſword, Lord, ſave my ſoul
by thy might and thy power :
And keep my ſoul thy darling dear,
from dogs that would devour.
21 And from the lions mouth, that would
me all in ſunder ſhiver,
And from the horns of Unicorns,
Lord, ſafely me deliver.
22 Then ſhall I to my brethren all
thy majeſty record :
And in thy Church ſhall praiſe the Name
of thee the living Lord.

The third part.

23 All ye that fear him praiſe the Lord,
thou Jacob honour him :
And all the ſeed of Iſrael
with reverence worſhip him.
24 For he deſpiſeth not the poor,
he turneth not awry
His countenance when they do call,
but granteth to their cry.
25 Among the folk that fear the Lord
I will therefore proclaim
Thy praiſe, and keep my promiſe made
for ſetting forth thy Name.

- 26 The poor shall eat and be suffic'd,
and those that do their deaver
To know the Lord, shall praise his Name,
their hearts shall live for ever.
- 27 All coasts of th' earth shall praise the Lord,
and turn to him for grace :
The heathen folk shall worship him
before his blessed face.
- 28 The kingdom of the heathen folk
the Lord shall have therefore :
And he shall be their Governour
and King for evermore.
- 29 The rich men of his goodly gifts
shall feed and taste also :
And in his presence worship him
and bow their knees full low.
- 30 And all that shall go down to dust,
of life by him shall taste :
My seed shall serve and praise the Lord
while any world shall last.
- 31 My seed shall plainly shew to them
that shall be born hereafter,
His justice and his righteousness,
and all his works of wonder.

Dominus regit me. Psal. xxiii. W. W.

David having tried Gods manifold mercies divers ways, gathereth the assurance that God will continue his goodness for ever.

- T**He Lord is onely my support,
and he that doth me feed :
How can I then lack any thing
whereof I stand in need ?
- 2 He doth me fold in cotes most safe
the tender grass fast by :
And after drives me to the streams
which run most pleasantly.
- 3 And when I feel my self near lost,
then doth he me home take,
Conducting me in his right paths
even for his own Names sake.
- 4 And though I were even at deaths door,
yet would I fear none ill :
For with thy rod and shepherds crook
I am comforted still.
- 5 Thou hast my table richly deckt
in despight of my foe :
Thou hast my head with balm refresht,
my cup doth overflow.
- 6 And finally while breath doth last,
thy grace shall me defend :
And in the house of God will I
my life for ever spend.

Another of the same, by T. S.

MY shepherd is the living Lord,
nothing therefore I need ;

- In pastures fair with waters calm
he sets me forth to feed.
- 2 He did convert and glad my soul,
and brought my mind in frame,
To walk in paths of righteousness,
for his most holy Name.
- 3 Yea, though I walk in vale of death,
yet will I fear none ill :
Thy rod, thy staff doth comfort me,
and thou art with me still.
- 4 And in the presence of my foes
my table thou shalt spread :
Thou shalt, O Lord, fill full my cup,
and eke anoint my head.
- 5 Through all my life thy favour is
so frankly shew'd to me,
That in thy house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Domini est terra. Psal. xxiv. J. H.

The grace of God being now uttered in the Temple, more glorious then before in the Tabernacle, David with exclamation setteth forth the honour thereof, moving the consideration of the eternal mansions prepared in heaven, whereof this was a figure.

- T**He earth is all the Lords, with all
her store and furniture :
Yea, his is all the world, and all
that therein doth endure.
- 2 For he hath fastly founded it
above the seas to stand ;
And laid a low the liquid floods,
to flow beneath the land.
- 3 For who is he, O Lord, that shall
ascend into thy hill,
Or pass into thy holy place,
there to continue still ?
- 4 Whose hands are harmless, and whose heart
no spot there doth defile :
His soul not set on vanity,
who hath not sworn to guile.
- 5 Him that is such a one, the Lord
shall place in blisfull pligh,
And God his God and Saviour
shall yeeld to him his right.
- 6 This is the brood of travellers,
in seeking of his grace :
As Jacob did the Israelite,
in that time of his race.
- 7 Ye princes ope your gates, stand ope
the everlasting gate :
For there shall enter in thereby
the King of glorious state.
- 8 Who is the King of glorious state ?
the strong and mighty Lord,
The mighty Lord in battel stout,
and trial of the sword.
- 9 Ye princes ope your gates, stand ope
the everlasting gate :

For

For there shall enter in thereby
the King of glorious state.
10 Who is the King of glorious state?
the Lord of hosts it is:
The kingdom and the royalty
of glorious state is his.

Ad te, Domine. Psal. xxv. T. S.

*David grieved at his sins and malicious enemies,
most fervently prayeth for forgiveness, especially
of such sins as he committed in his youth.*

I Lift my heart to thee,
my God and guide most just:
Now suffer me to take no shame,
for in thee do I trust.
2 Let not my foes rejoyce,
nor make a scorn of me:
And let them not be overthrown
that put their trust in thee.
3 But shame shall them befall
which harm them wrongfully:
Therefore thy paths and thy right ways
unto me, Lord, descry.
4 Direct me in thy truth,
and teach me I thee pray:
Thou art my God and Saviour,
on thee I wait alway.
5 Thy mercies manifold
I pray thee, Lord, remember;
And eke thy pity plentiful,
for they have been for ever.
6 Remember not the faults
and frailty of my youth:
Remember not how ignorant
I have been of thy truth.
Nor after my deserts
let me thy mercy find:
But of thine own benignity
Lord have me in thy mind.
7 His mercy is full sweeter,
his truth a perfect guide:
Therefore the Lord will sinners teach,
and such as go aside.
8 The humble he will teach
his precepts for to keep:
He will direct in all his ways
the lowly and the meek.
9 For all the ways of God
are truth and mercy both,
To them that keep his testament
the witness of his troth.

The second part.

10 Now for thy holy Name,
O Lord, I thee intreat
To grant me pardon for my sin,
for it is wondrous great.

11 Whoso doth fear the Lord,
the Lord will him direct
To lead his life in such a way
as he doth best accept.
12 His soul shall evermore
in goodness dwell and stand,
His seed and his posterity
inherit shall the land.
13 All those that fear the Lord
know his secret intent:
And unto them he doth declare
his will and testament.
14 Mine eyes and eke my heart
to him I will advance,
That pluckt my feet out of the snare
of sin and ignorance.
15 With mercy me behold,
to thee I make my mone:
For I am poor and desolate,
and comfortless alone.
16 The troubles of my heart
are multiplied indeed:
Bring me out of this misery,
necessity and need.
17 Behold my poverty,
mine anguish and my pain:
Remit my sin and mine offence,
and make me clean again.
18 O Lord, behold my foes,
how they do still increase,
Pursuing me with deadly hate,
that fain would live in peace.
19 Preserve and keep my soul,
and eke deliver me:
And let me not be overthrown,
because I trust in thee.
20 Let my simple pureness
me from mine enemies shend:
Because I look as one of thine,
that thou shouldst me defend.
21 Deliver, Lord, thy folk,
and send them some relief,
I mean thy chosen Israel,
from all their pain and grief.

Judica me, Domine. Psal. xxvi. T. S.

*David injuriously oppressed, and helpless, yet assured
of his integrity to Saul, calleth to God to defend
him being causeless afflicted. Then he desireth to be
in the company of the faithfull in the congregation
of God, whence he was banished by Saul, promi-
sing godly life, open praises, thanksgiving, and
sacrifice for his deliverance.*

Lord, be my Judge; and thou shalt see
my paths be right and plain:
I trust in God, and hope that he
will strength me to remain.

- 2 Prove me my God, I thee desire
my ways to search and try:
As men do prove their gold with fire,
my reins and heart elpy.
- 3 Thy goodness laid before my face
I durst behold always:
For of thy truth I tread the trace,
and will do all my days.
- 4 I do not lust to haunt or use
with men whose deeds are vain:
To come in house I do refuse
with the deceitfull train.
- 5 I much abhor the wicked sort,
their deeds I do despise:
I do not once to them resort
that hurtfull things devise.
- 6 My hands I wash, and do proceed
in works to walk upright:
Then to thine altar I make speed,
to offer there in sight.
- 7 That I may speak and preach the praise
that doth belong to thee,
And so declare how wondrous ways
thou hast been good to me.
- 8 O God, thy house I love most dear,
to me it doth excell:
I have delight and would be near
whereas thy grace doth dwell.
- 9 O shut not up my soul with them
in sin that take their fill;
Nor yet my life among those men
that seek my bloud to spill.
- 10 Whose hands are heapt with craft and guile,
their lives thereof are full:
And their right hand with wench and wile
for bribes doth pluck and pull.
- 11 But I in righteousness intend
my time and days to serve:
Have mercy, Lord, and me defend,
so that I do not swerve.
- 12 My foot is stay'd for all assays,
it standeth well and right:
Wherefore to God will I give praise
in all the peoples sight.
- Dominus illuminatio. Psal. xxvii. J. H.*
*David delivered from great perils, giveth thanks;
wherein we see his constant faith against the as-
saults of all enemies, and the end why he desireth
to live, and to be delivered: then he exhorteth to
faith, and to attend upon God.*
- T**He Lord is both my health and light,
shall man make me dismayd?
Sith God doth give me strength and might,
why should I be afraid?
- 2 While that my foes with all their strength
begin with me to brall,
And think to eat me up at length
themselves have caught the fall.
- 3 Though they in camp against me lie,
my heart is not afraid:
In battel pight if they will try,
I trust in God for aid.
- 4 One thing of God I do require,
that he will not deny:
For which I pray, and will desire
till he to me apply:
- 5 That I within his holy place
my life throughout may dwell,
To see the beauty of his face,
and view his temple well.
- 6 In time of dread he shall me hide
within his place most pure,
And keep me secret by his side,
as on a rock most sure.
- 7 At length I know the Lords good grace
shall make me strong and stout,
My foes to foil and clean deface,
that compass me about.
- 8 Therefore within his house will I
give sacrifice of praise:
With psalms and songs I will apply
to laud the Lord always.
- The second part.*
- 9 Lord, hear the voice of my request,
for which to thee I call:
Have mercy, Lord, on me oppress,
and send me help withall.
- 10 My heart doth knowledge unto thee,
I sue to have thy grace:
Then seek my face, sayst thou to me;
Lord, I will seek thy face.
- 11 In wrath turn not thy face away,
nor suffer me to slide:
Thou art my help still to this day,
be still my God and guide.
- 12 My parents both their son forsook,
and cast me off at large:
And then the Lord himself yet took
of me the care and charge.
- 13 Teach me, O Lord, the way to thee,
and lead me on forth right,
For fear of such as watch for me,
to trap me if they might.
- 14 Do not betake me to the will
of them that be my foes:
For they surmise against me still,
false witness to depose.
- 15 My heart would faint, but that in me
this hope is fixed fast,
The Lord Gods good grace shall I see
in life that ay shall last.
- 16 Trust still in God whose whole thou art,
his will abide thou must,
And he shall ease and strength thy heart,
if thou in him do trust.

Ad te, Dom. clamabo. Pſal. xxviii. T. S.

Being in fear and penſivenesſe to ſee God diſhonoured by wicked men, he cryeth for vengeance againſt them, and being aſſured that God hath heard him, he commendeth all the faithfull to his tuition.

THou art, O Lord, my ſtrength and ſtay,
the ſuccour which I crave :

Neglect me not, leſt I be like
to them that go to grave.

2 The voice of thy ſuppliant hear,
that unto thee doth cry,

When I liſt up my hands unto
thy holy ark moſt high.

3 Repute me not among the ſort
of wicked and pervert,

That ſpeak right fair unto their friends,
and think full ill in heart.

4 According to their handy-work,
as they deſerve indeed,

And after their inventions
let them receive their meed.

5 For they regard nothing Gods works,
his law, ne yet his lore :

Therefore will he them and their ſeed
deſtroy for evermore.

6 To render thanks unto the Lord
how great a cauſe have I;

My voice, my prayer, and my complaint
that heard ſo willingly !

7 He is my ſhield and fortitude,
my buckler in diſtreſs :

My hope, my help, my hearts relief,
my ſong ſhall him confeſs.

8 He is our ſtrength and our defence,
our enemies to reſiſt :

The health and the ſalvation
of his elect by Chriſt.

9 Thy people and thine heritage
Lord bleſs, guide, and preſerve :

Increase them, Lord, and rule their hearts,
that they may never ſwerve.

Afferte Domino. Pſal. xxix. T. S.

David exhorteth princes, who for the moſt part think there is no God, at the leaſt to fear him, for the thunders and tempeſts, for fear whereof all creatures tremble. And albeit it threatneth ſinners, yet it moveth him to praiſe his Name.

Give to the Lord, ye potentates,
ye rulers of the world,

Give ye all praiſe, honour, and ſtrength
unto the living Lord,

2 Give glory to his holy Name,
and honour him alone :

Worſhip him in his majeſty
within his holy throne.

3 His voice doth rule the waters all,
even as himſelf doth pleaſe :

He doth prepare the thunder-claps,
and governs all the ſeas.

4 The voice of God is of great force,
and wondrous excellent :

It is moſt mighty in effect,
and moſt magnificent.

5 The voice of God doth rend and break
the cedar-trees ſo long ;

The cedar-trees of Lebanon,
which are moſt high and ſtrong :

6 And makes them leap like a calf,
or elſe the unicorn,

Not onely trees, but mountains great
whereon the trees are born.

7 His voice divides the flames of fire,
and ſhakes the wilderneſs :

8 It makes the deſert quake for fear,
that called is Cades.

9 It makes the hinds for fear to calve,
and makes the coverts plain :

Then in his Temple every man
his glory doth proclaim.

10 The Lord was ſet above the floods,
ruling the raging ſea :

So ſhall he reign as Lord and King
for ever and for ay.

11 The Lord will give his people power
in vertue to increaſe :

The Lord will bleſs his choſen flock
with everlaſting peace.

Exaltabo te, Domine. Pſal. xxx. J. H.

When David ſhould dedicate his houſe to the Lord, he fell extreme ſick without all hope of life, and thereſore after recovery he thanketh God, exhorting others to do the like, and to learn by him that God is rather mercifull then ſevere towards him: alſo that adverſity is ſudden: then he prayeth and promiſeth to praiſe God for ever.

All laud and praiſe with heart and voice,
O Lord, I give to thee,

Which didſt not make my foes rejoyce,
but haſt exalted me.

2 O Lord my God, to thee I cri'd
in all my pain and grief :

Thou gav'ſt an ear, and didſt provide
to eaſe me with relief.

3 Of thy good will thou haſt call'd back
my ſoul from hell to ſave :

Thou didſt revive when ſtrength did lack,
and kept'ſt me from the grave.

4 Sing praiſe, ye ſaints, that prove and ſee
the goodneſs of the Lord :

In memory of his majeſty
rejoyce with one accord.

5 For why? his anger but a ſpace
doth laſt, and ſlack again :

But in his favour and his grace
always doth life remain,
Though gripes of grief and pangs full sore
shall lodge with us all night,
The Lord to joy shall us restore
before the day be light.

6 When I enjoy'd the world at will,
thus would I boast and say,
Tush, I am sure to feel none ill,
this wealth shall not decay.

7 For thou, O Lord, of thy good grace
hadst sent me strength and aid:
But when thou turn'dst away thy face,
my mind was sore dismayd.

8 Wherefore again yet did I cry
to thee, O Lord of might:
My God with plaints I did apply
and pray'd both day and night.

9 What gain is in my blood, said I,
if death destroy my days?
Dost thou declare thy majesty,
or yet thy truth dost praise?

10 Wherefore my God some pity take,
O Lord, I thee desire:
Do not this simple soul forsake,
of help I thee require.

11 Then didst thou turn my grief and wo
into a cheerfull voice:
The mourning-weed thou took'st me fro,
and mad'st me to rejoyce.

12 Wherefore my soul unceasingly
shall sing unto thy praise:
My Lord my God, to thee will I
give laud and thanks always.

In te, Domine. Psal. xxxi. J. H.

*David delivered from great danger, sheweth first
what meditation he hath by the power of faith,
when death was before his eyes, and how the fa-
vour of God always is ready to those that fear
him: he exhorteth the faithfull to trust in God,
because he preserveth them.*

O Lord, I put my trust in thee,
let nothing work me shame:
As thou art just, deliver me,
and set me quite from blame.

2 Hear me, O Lord, and that anon,
to help me make good speed:
Be thou my rock and house of stone,
my fence in time of need.

3 For why? as stones thy strength is tri'd,
thou art my fort and tower:
For thy Names sake be thou my guide,
and lead me in thy power.

4 Pluck thou my feet out of the snare
which they for me have laid:
Thou art my strength, and all my care
is for thy might and aid.

5 Into thy hands, Lord, I commit
my spirit which is thy due:
For why? thou hast redeemed it,
O Lord my God most true.

6 I hate such folk as will not part
from things to be abhorr'd:
When they on trifles set their heart,
my trust is in the Lord.

7 For I will in thy mercy joy,
I see it doth excell:
Thou see'st when ought would me annoy,
and know'st my soul full well.

8 Thou hast not left me in their hand
that would me overcharge:
But thou hast set me out of band,
to walk abroad at large.

The second part.

9 Great grief, O Lord, doth me assail,
some pity on me take:
Mine eyes wax dim, my sight doth fail,
my womb for wo doth ache.

10 My life is worn with grief and pain,
my years in wo are past,
My strength is gone, and through disdain
my bones corrupt and waste.

11 Among my foes I am a scorn,
my friends are all dismayd:
My neighbours and my kinsmen born
to see me are afraid.

12 As men once dead are out of mind,
so am I now forgot:
As small effect in me they find
as in a broken pot.

13 I heard the brags of all the rout,
their threats my mind did fray,
How they conspir'd and went about
to take my life away.

14 But, Lord, I trust in thee for aid
not to be overtrod:
For I confesse and still have said,
thou art my Lord and God.

15 The length of all my life and age,
O Lord, is in thy hand:
Defend me from the wrath and rage
of them that me withstand.

16 To me thy servant, Lord, express
and shew thy joyfull face:
And save me, Lord, for thy goodness,
thy mercy and thy grace.

The third part.

17 Lord, let me not be put to blame,
for that on thee I call:
But let the wicked bear the shame,
and in the grave to fall.

18 O Lord, make dumb their lips outright,
which are addict to lies,
And cruelly with pride and spight
against the just devise.

- 19 O how great good hast thou in store
laid up full safe for them,
That fear and trust in thee therefore,
before the sons of men.
- 20 Thy presence shall them fence and guide
from all proud brags and wrongs:
Within thy place thou shalt them hide
from all the strife of tongues.
- 21 Thanks to the Lord that hath declar'd
on me his grace so far,
Me to defend with warch and ward,
as in a town of war.
- 22 Thus did I say both day and night,
when I was sore oppress'd,
Lo, I was clean cast out of sight,
yet heard'st thou my request.
- 23 Ye saints love ye the Lord, I say,
the faithfull he doth guide:
And to the proud he doth repay
according to their pride.
- 24 Be strong, and God shall stay your heart,
be bold and have a lust:
For sure the Lord will take your part,
sith ye on him do trust.

Beati quorum. Psal. xxxii. T. S.

David punished with grievous sickness for his sins, counteth all them happy to whom God doth not impute their transgressions. And after that he had confessed his sins and obtained pardon, he exhorteth the wicked men to live godly, and the good men to rejoyce.

- T**He man is blest whose wickedness
the Lord hath clean remitted:
And he whose sin and wickedness
is hid and also covered.
- 2 And blest is he to whom the Lord
imputeth not his sin:
Which in his heart hath hid no guile,
nor fraud is found therein.
- 3 For whilst that I kept close my sin
in silence and constraint,
My bones did wear and waste away
with daily moan and plaint.
- 4 For night and day thy hand on me
so grievous was and smart,
That all my blood and humours moist
to driness did convert.
- 5 I did therefore confess my fault,
and all my sins discover:
Then thou, O Lord, didst me forgive,
and all my sins pass over.
- 6 The humble man shall pray therefore,
and seek thee in due time:
So that the floods of waters great
shall have no power on him.

- 7 When trouble and adversity
do compass me about,
Thou art my refuge and my joy,
and thou dost rid me out.
- 8 Come hither, and I will thee teach
how thou shalt walk aright:
I will thee guide as I myself
have learn'd by proof and fight.
- 9 Be not so rude and ignorant
as is the horse and mule,
Whose mouth without a rein or bit
from harm thou canst not rule.
- 10 The wicked man shall manifold
sorrows and griefs sustain:
But unto him that trusts in God
his goodness shall remain.
- 11 Be merry therefore in the Lord,
ye just lift up your voice:
And ye of pure and perfect heart,
be glad and eke rejoyce.

Exultate justi. Psal. xxxiii. J. H.

He exhorteth good men to praise God for creating and governing all things, for his faithfull promise for scattering the counsel of the wicked, teaching that no creature preserveth any man, but onely his mercy.

- Y**E righteous in the Lord rejoyce:
it is a seemly sight,
That upright men with thankfull voice
should praise the Lord of might.
- 2 Praise ye the Lord with harp and song,
in psalms and pleasant things:
With lute and instrument among
that soundeth with ten strings.
- 3 Sing to the Lord a song most new,
with courage give him praise:
4 For why? his word is ever true,
his works and all his ways.
- 5 To judgement, equity, and right
he hath a great good will:
And with his gifts he doth delight
the earth throughout to fill.
- 6 For by the word of God alone
the heavens all were wrought:
Their hosts and powers every one
his breath to pass hath brought.
- 7 The waters great gathered hath he
on heaps within the shore:
And hid them in the depth to be,
as in an house of store.
- 8 All men on earth both least and most,
fear God and keep his law:
Ye that inhabit in each coast,
dread him and stand in aw.
- 9 What he commanded wrought it was
at once with present speed:
What he doth will is brought to pass
with full effect indeed.

10 The counsels of the nations rude
the Lord doth bring to nought :
He doth defeat the multitude
of their device and thought :
11 But his decrees continue still,
they never slack nor swage :
The motions of his mind and will
take place in every age.

The second part.

12 And blest are they to whom the Lord
as God and guide is known :
Whom he doth choose of mere accord
to take them as his own.
13 The Lord from heaven cast his sight
on men mortal by birth :
14 Considering from his seat of might
the dwellers of the earth.
15 The Lord, I say, whose hand hath wrought
mans heart, and doth it frame :
For he alone doth know the thought
and working of the same.
16 A king that trusteth in his host
shall nought prevail at length :
The man that of his might doth boast
shall fall for all his strength.
17 The troupes of horsemen eke shall fail,
their sturdy steeds shall sterue :
The strength of horse shall not prevail
the rider to preserve.
18 But lo, the eyes of God intend
and watch to aid the just :
With such as fear him to offend,
and on his goodness trust.
19 That he of death and great distress
may set their souls from dread :
And if that dearth their land oppresse,
in hunger them to feed.
20 Wherefore our soul doth whole depend
on God our strength and stay :
He is our shield us to defend,
and drive all darts away.
21 Our soul in God hath joy and game,
rejoycing in his might :
For why? in his most holy Name
we hope and much delight.
22 Therefore let thy goodness, O Lord,
still present with us be :
As we always with one accord
do onely trust in thee.

Benedicam Dom. Psal. xxxiv. T. S.

David having escaped Achish, (1 Sam. 22.) praiseth God for his deliverance, giving others example to trust in God, to fear and serve him who defendeth the godly with his angels, and utterly destroyeth the wicked in their sins.

I Will give laud and honour both
unto the Lord always,

And eke my mouth for evermore
shall speak unto his praise.
2 I do delight to laud the Lord
in soul and eke in voice :
That humble men and mortifi'd
may hear, and so rejoyce.
3 Therefore see that ye magnifie
with me the living Lord,
And let us now exalt his Name
together with one accord.
4 For I my self besought the Lord,
he answered me again,
And me delivered incontinent
from all my fear and pain.
5 Whoso they be that him behold,
shall see his light most clear :
Their countenance shall not be dash't,
they need it not to fear.
6 This silly wretch for some relief
unto the Lord did call ;
Who did him hear without delay,
and rid him out of thrall.
7 The angel of the Lord doth pitch
his tents in every place,
To save all such as fear the Lord,
that nothing them deface.
8 Taste and consider well therefore
that God is good and just :
O happy man that maketh him
his onely stay and trust !
9 Fear ye the Lord, ye holy ones,
above all earthly thing :
For they that fear the living Lord,
are sure to lack nothing.
10 The lions shall be hunger-bit,
and pin'd with famine much :
But as for them that fear the Lord,
no lack shall be to such.

The second part.

11 Come near therefore my children dear,
and to my words give ear :
I shall you teach the perfect way,
how ye the Lord should fear.
12 Who is the man that would live long,
and lead a godly life ?
13 See thou restrain thy tongue and lips
from all deceit and strife.
14 Turn back thy face from doing ill
and do the godly deed :
Enquire for peace and quietness,
and follow it with speed.
15 For why? the eyes of God above
upon the just are bent :
His ears likewise do hear the plaint
of the poor innocent.
16 But he doth frown and bend his brows
upon the wicked train :

And

And cuts away the memory
that ſhould of them remain.

17 But when the juſt do call and cry,
the Lord doth hear them ſo,
That out of pain and miſery
forthwith he lets them go.

18 The Lord is kind and ſtraight at hand
to ſuch as be contrite :

He ſaves alſo the ſorrowfull,
the poor and meek in ſprite.

19 Full many be the miſeries
that righteous men do ſuffer :
But out of all adverſities
the Lord doth them deliver.

20 The Lord doth ſo preſerve and keep
his very bones alway,
That not ſo much as one of them
doth periſh or decay.

21 The ſin ſhall ſlay the wicked man,
which he himſelf hath wrought :
And ſuch as hate the righteous man,
ſhall ſoon be brought to nought.

22 But they that fear the living Lord,
the Lord doth ſave them ſound :
And who that put their truſt in him,
nothing ſhall them confound.

Judica me, Domine. Pſal. xxxv. J. H.

*Sauls flatterers persecuted David, who prayeth for
revenge, that his innocency may be declared, and
that ſuch as take his part may rejoyce, for which
he promiſeth to magnifie Gods Name all the days
of his life.*

Lord, plead my cauſe againſt my foes,
confound their force and might :
Fight on my part againſt all thoſe
that ſeek with me to fight.

2 Lay hand upon the ſpear and ſhield,
thy ſelf in armour drefs :
Stand up for me, and fight the field,
to help me from diſtreſs.

3 Gird on thy ſword, and ſtop the way,
mine enemies to withſtand :
That thou unto my ſoul mayſt ſay,
Lo I thy help at hand.

4 Confound them with rebuke and blame,
that ſeek my ſoul to ſpill :
Let them turn back and flee with ſhame,
that think to work me ill.

5 Let them diſperſe and flee abroad,
as wind doth drive the duſt :
And that the angel of our God
their might away may thruſt.

6 Let all their ways be void of light,
and ſlippery like to fall :
And ſend thine angel with thy might,
to perſecute them all.

7 For why ? without my fault they have
in ſecret ſet their grin :

And for no cauſe have digg'd a cave
to take my ſoul therein.

8 When they think leaſt and have no care,
O Lord, deſtroy them all :
Let them be trapt in their own ſnare,
and in their miſchief fall.

9 And let my ſoul, my heart and voice,
in God have joy and wealth :
That in the Lord I may rejoyce,
and in his ſaving health.

10 And then my bones ſhall ſpeak and ſay,
my parts ſhall all agree :
O Lord, though they do ſeem full gay,
what man is like to thee ?

The ſecond part.

11 Thou doſt defend the weak from them
that are both ſtout and ſtrong :
And rid the poor from wicked men,
that ſpoil and do them wrong.

12 My cruel foes againſt me riſe
to witneſs things untrue :
And to accuſe me they deviſe
of things I never knew.

13 Where I to them did ow good will,
they quit me with diſdain :
That they ſhould pay my good with ill,
my ſoul doth ſore complain.

14 When they were ſick I mourn'd therefore
and clad my ſelf in ſack :
With faſting I did faint full ſore,
to pray I was not ſlack.

15 As they had been my brethren dear,
I did my ſelf behave :
As one that maketh wofull chear
about his mothers grave.

16 But they at my diſeaſe did joy,
and gather on a rout :
Yea, abject ſlaves at me did toy,
with mocks and checks full ſtout.

17 The belly-gods and flattering train,
that all good things deride,
At me do grin with great diſdain,
and pluck their mouths aſide.

18 Lord, when wilt thou amend this gear ?
why doſt thou ſtay and pauſe ?
O rid my ſoul mine onely dear,
out of theſe lions claws.

19 And then will I give thanks to thee:
before the church alway :
And where moſt of the people be,
there will I ſhew thy praiſe.

20 Let not my foes prevail on me,
which hate me for no fault :
Nor yet to wink or turn their eye,
that cauſleſs me aſſault.

The third part.

- 21 Of peace no word they think or say,
their talk is all untrue:
They still consult and would betray
all those that peace ensue.
- 22 With open mouth they run at me,
they gape, they laugh, they flee:
Well, well, say they, our eye doth see
the thing that we desire.
- 23 But, Lord, thou seest what way they take,
cease not this gear to mend:
Be not far off, nor me forsake,
as men that fail their friend.
- 24 Awake, arise, and stir abroad,
defend me in my right:
Revenge my cause, my Lord, my God,
and aid me with thy might.
- 25 According to thy righteousness,
my Lord God, set me free:
And let them not their pride express,
nor triumph over me.
- 26 Let not their hearts rejoyce and cry,
There, there, this gear goes trim:
Nor give them cause to say on high,
We have our will on him.
- 27 Confound them with rebuke and shame,
that joy when I do mourn:
And pay them home with spight and blame,
that brag at me with scorn.
- 28 Let them be glad and eke rejoyce,
which love mine upright way:
And they all times with heart and voice
shall praise the Lord, and say,
- 29 Great is the Lord, and doth excell,
for why? he doth delight
To see his servants prosper well;
that is his pleasant sight.
- 30 Wherefore my tongue I will apply
thy righteousness to praise:
Unto the Lord my God will I
sing laud and praise always.

Dixit injustus. Psal. xxxvi. J. H.

David vexed by the wicked, complaineth of their malice; but considering Gods great mercy to all creatures, especially toward his children, by faith therefore he is comforted, and assured of his deliverance.

THe wicked with his works unjust
doth thus perswade his heart,
That of the Lord he hath no trust,
his fear is set apart.

2 Yet doth he joy in his estate,
to walk as he began,
So long till he deserve the hate
of God and eke of man.

3 His words are wicked, vile, and naught,
his tongue no truth doth tell:

- Yet at no hand will he be taught
which way he may do well.
- 4 When he should sleep, then doth he muse
his mischiefs to fulfill:
No wicked ways doth he refuse,
nor nothing that is ill.
- 5 But, Lord, thy goodness doth ascend
above the heavens high:
So doth thy truth it self extend
unto the cloudy sky.
- 6 Much more then hills so high and steep,
thy justice is exprest:
Thy judgement's like to seas most deep,
thou sav'st both man and beast.
- 7 Thy mercy is above all things,
O God, it doth excell:
In trust whereof, as in thy wings,
the sons of men shall dwell.
- 8 Within thy house they shall be fed
with plenty at their will:
Of all delights they shall be sped,
and take thereof their fill.
- 9 For why? the well of life so pure
doth ever flow from thee,
And in thy light we are full sure
the lasting light to see.
- 10 From such as thee desire to know
let not thy grace depart:
Thy righteousness declare and show
to men of upright heart.
- 11 Let not the proud on me prevail,
O Lord, of thy good grace:
Nor let the wicked me assail,
to throw me out of place.
- 12 But they in their device shall fall
that wicked works maintain:
They shall be overthrown withall,
and never rise again.

Noli amulari. Psal. xxxvii. W. W.

Because the godly should not be daunted to see wicked men prosper, David sheweth that all things shall be granted even with hearts desire to them that love and fear God: but the wicked, albeit they flourish for a time, shall at length perish.

GRudge not to see the wicked men
in wealth to flourish still:
Nor yet envy such as to ill
have bent and set their will.

2 For as green grafs and flourishing herbs
are cut, and wither away:
So shall their great prosperity
soon pass, fade, and decay.

3 Trust thou therefore in God alone,
to do well give thy mind:
So shalt thou have the land as thine,
and there sure food shalt find.

4 In God set all thy hearts delight,
and look what thou wouldst have,

Or

Or else canſt wiſh in all the world,
thou need'ſt it not to crave.
5 Caſt both thy ſelf and thine affairs
on God with perfect truſt,
And thou ſhalt ſee with patience
th' effect both ſure and juſt.
6 Thy perfect life and godly name
he will clear as the light :
So that the ſun even at noon-day
ſhall not ſhine half ſo bright.
7 Be ſtill therefore, and ſtedfaſtly
on God ſee thou wait then,
Not ſhrinking for the prosperous ſtate
of lewd and wicked men.
8 Shake off deſpight, envy, and hate,
at leaſt in any wiſe :
Their wicked ſteps avoid and flee,
and follow not their guiſe.
9 For every wicked man will God
deſtroy, both more and leſs :
But ſuch as truſt in him are ſure
the land for to poſſeſs.
10 Watch but a while, and thou ſhalt ſee
no more the wicked train,
No not ſo much as houſe or place
where once he did remain.

The ſecond part.

11 But mercifull and humble men
enjoy ſhall ſea and land :
In reſt and peace they ſhall rejoyce,
for nought ſhall them withſtand.
12 The lewd men and malicious
againſt the juſt conſpire :
They gnaw their teeth at him, as men
which do his bane deſire.
13 But while that lewd men thus do think,
the Lord laughs them to ſcorn :
For why ? he ſees their term approach,
when they ſhall ſigh and mourn.
14 The wicked have their ſword out drawn,
their bowe eke have they bent,
To overthrow and kill the poor,
as he the right way went.
15 But the ſame ſword ſhall pierce their heart
which was to kill the juſt :
Likewiſe the bowe ſhall break to ſhivers,
wherein they put their truſt.
16 Doubtleſs the juſt mans poor eſtate
is better a great deal more
Then all theſe ſewd and wicked mens
rich pomp and heaped ſtore.
17 For be their power never ſo ſtrong,
God will it overthrow :
Where contrary he doth preſerve
the humble men and low.
18 He ſees by his great providence
the good mens trade and way :
And will give them inheritance
which never ſhall decay.

19 They ſhall not be diſcouraged,
when ſome are hard beſted :
When others ſhall be hunger-bit,
they ſhall be clad and fed.
20 For whoſoever wicked is,
and enemy to the Lord,
Shall quail, ye melt even as lambs greaſe,
or ſmoak that flies abroad.

The third part.

21 Behold, the wicked borrows much,
and never pays again :
Whereas the juſt by liberal gifts
makes many glad and fain.
22 For they whom God doth bleſs, ſhall have
the land for heritage :
And they whom he doth curſe, likewiſe
ſhall periſh in his rage.
23 The Lord the juſt mans ways doth guide,
and gives him good ſucceſs :
To every thing he takes in hand
he ſendeth good addreſs.
24 Though that he fall, yet he is ſure
not utterly to quail :
Be cauſe the Lord ſtretcheth out his hand
at need and doth not fail.
25 I have been young, and now am old,
yet did I never ſee
The juſt man left, nor yet his ſeed
to beg for miſery.
26 But gives always moſt liberally,
and lends whereas is need :
His children and poſterity
receive of God their meed.
27 Flee vice therefore and wickedneſs,
and vertue do embrace :
So God ſhall grant thee long to have
on earth a dwelling-place.
28 For God ſo loveth equity,
and ſhews to his ſuch grace,
That he preſerveth them alway,
but 'troyes the wicked race.
29 Whereas the good and godly men
inherit ſhall the land,
Having as lords all things therein
in their own power and hand.
30 The juſt mans mouth ſhall ever ſpeak
of matters wiſe and high :
His tongue doth talk to edifie,
with truth and equity.
31 For in his heart the law of God
his Lord doth ſtill abide :
So that whereever he goes or walks,
his foot can never ſlide.
32 The wicked like a ravening wolf
the juſt man doth beſet,
By all means ſeeking him to kill,
if he fall in his net.

The fourth part.

- 33 Though he should fall into his hands,
yet God would succour send:
Though men against him sentence give,
God would him yet defend.
- 34 Wait thou on God and keep his way,
he shall preserve thee then
The earth to rule, and thou shalt see
destroy'd these wicked men.
- 35 The wicked have I seen most strong,
and plac'd in high degree,
Flourishing in all wealth and store,
as doth the Laurel-tree.
- 36 But suddenly he past away,
and lo, he was quite gone:
Then I him sought, but could not find
the place where dwelt such one.
- 37 Mark and behold the perfect man,
how God doth him increase:
For the just man shall have at length
great joy with rest and peace.
- 38 As for transgressours, wo to them,
destroy'd they shall all be:
God will cut off their budding race,
and rich posterity.
- 39 But the salvation of the just
doth come from God above,
Who in their trouble sends them aid,
of his meer grace and love.
- 40 God doth them help, save, and deliver
from lewd men and unjust:
And still will save them whil't that they
in him do put their trust.

Domine, ne. Psal. xxxviii. J. H.

David sick of some grievous disease, acknowledgeth himself to be chastised of the Lord for his sins, and therefore prayeth to God to turn away his wrath: but in the end, with firm confidence, and commending his cause to God, hopeth for speedy help at his hand.

Put me not to rebuke, O Lord,
in thy provoked ire:
Ne in thy heavy wrath, O Lord,
correct me I desire.

2 Thine arrows do stick fast in me,
thy hand doth press me sore:
And in my flesh no health at all
appeareth any more.

3 And all this is by reason of
thy wrath that I am in:
Nor any rest is in my bones
by reason of my sin.

4 For lo, my wicked doings, Lord,
above my head are gone:
A greater load then I can bear,
they lie me sore upon.

5 My wounds stink and are festred so,
as lothsome is to see:
Which all through mine own foolishness
betideth unto me.

6 And I in carefull wise am brought
in trouble and distress:
That I go wailing all the day
in dolefull heaviness.

7 My loyns are fill'd with sore disease,
my flesh hath no whole part:

8 I feeble am and broken sore,
I roar for grief of heart.

9 Thou know'st, Lord, my desire, my groans
are open in thy sight:

10 My heart doth pant, my strength doth fail,
mine eyes have lost their light.

11 My lovers and my wonted friends
stand looking on my wo:
And eke my kinsmen far away
are me departed fro.

12 They that did seek my life, laid snares,
and they that sought the way
To do me hurt, spake lies, and thought
on mischief all the day.

The second part.

13 But as a deaf man I became,
that cannot hear at all:

14 And as one dumb, that opens not
his mouth to speak withall.

15 For all my confidence, O Lord,
is wholly set on thee:

O Lord, thou Lord that art my God,
thou shalt give ear to me.

16 This did I crave, that they my foes
triumph not over me:

For when my foot did slip, then they
did joy my fall to see.

17 And truly I poor wretch am set
in place a wofull wight:
And eke my grievous heaviness
is ever in my sight.

18 For while that I my wickedness
in humble wise confess;

And while I for my sinfull deeds
my sorrows do express:

19 My foes do still remain alive,
and mighty are also:

And they that hate me wrongfully,
in number hugely grow.

20 They stand against me that my good
with evil do repay:

Because that good and honest things
I do ensue alway.

21 Forsake me not, O Lord my God,
be thou not far away:

22 Haste me to help, my Lord my God,
my safety and my stay.

Dixi,

Dixi, custodiam. Pſal. xxxix. J. H.

David having determined ſilence, yet burſt forth into words that he would not, through his bitter grief: for he maketh certain requests, which taſte of mans infirmity, yet mixed with many prayers, and all to ſhew a mind wonderfully troubled, that it may appear how he did ſtrive mightily againſt death and deſperation.

I Said, I will look to my ways,
for fear I ſhould go wrong:
I will take heed all times that I
offend not with my tongue.
2 As with a bit I will keep faſt
my mouth with force and might,
Not once to whiſper all the while
the wicked are in fight.
3 I held my tongue and ſpake no word,
but kept me cloſe and ſtill:
Yea, from good talk I did refrain,
but ſore againſt my will.
4 My heart waxt hot within my breaſt,
with muſing, thought, and doubt,
Which did increaſe and ſtir the fire:
at laſt theſe words burſt out;
5 Lord, number out my life and days
which yet I have not paſt,
So that I may be certiſi'd
how long my life ſhall laſt.
6 Lord, thou haſt pointed out my life
in length much like a ſpan:
Mine age is nothing unto thee,
ſo vain is every man.
7 Man walketh like a ſhade, and doth
in vain himſelf annoy
In getting goods, and cannot tell
who ſhall the ſame enjoy.
8 Now, Lord, ſith things this wiſe do frame,
what help do I deſire?
Of truth my help doth hang on thee,
I nothing elſe require.

The ſecond part.

9 From all the ſins that I have done,
Lord, quit me out of hand,
And make me not a ſcorn to fools
that nothing underſtand.
10 I was as dumb, and to complain
no trouble might me move:
Because I knew it was thy work,
my patience for to prove.
11 Lord, take from me thy ſcourge and plague,
I can them not withſtand:
I faint and pine away for fear
of thy moſt heavy hand.
12 When thou for ſin doſt man rebuke,
he waxeth wo and wan,
As doth a cloth that moths have fret,
ſo vain a thing is man.

13 Lord, hear my ſuit and give good heed,
regard my tears that fall:
I ſojourn like a ſtranger here,
as did my fathers all.
14 O ſpare a little, give me ſpace
my ſtrength for to reſtore,
Before I go away from hence,
and ſhall be ſeen no more.

Expectans expectavi. Pſal. xl. J. H.

David delivered from great danger, doth magnifie God therefore, and commendeth his providence towards all mankind: then he promiſeth to give himſelf wholly to Gods ſervice, and declareth how God is truly worſhipped: afterward he giveth thanks, and having complained of his enemies, he calleth for aid and ſuccour.

I Waited long and fought the Lord,
and patiently did bear:
At length to me he did accord
my voice and cry to hear.
2 He pluckt me from the lake ſo deep
out of the mire and clay:
And on a rock he ſet my feet,
and he did guide my way.
3 To me he taught a pſalm of praiſe,
which I muſt ſhew abroad,
And ſing new ſongs of thanks always
unto the Lord our God.
4 When all the folk theſe things ſhall ſee,
as people much afraid,
Then they unto the Lord will flee,
and truſt upon his aid.
5 O bleſt is he whoſe hope and heart
doth in the Lord remain,
That with the proud doth take no part,
nor ſuch as lie and fain.
6 For, Lord my God, thy wondrous deeds
in greatneſs far do paſs:
Thy favour towards us exceeds
all things that ever was.
7 When I intend and do deviſe
thy works abroad to ſhow,
To ſuch a reckoning they do riſe,
thereof no end I know.
8 Burnt-off rings thou delight'ſt not in,
I know thy whole deſire:
With ſacrifice to purge his ſin
thou doſt no man require.
9 Meat-offerings and ſacrifice
thou would'ſt not have at all:
But thou, O Lord, haſt open made
mine ears to hear withall.
10 But then ſaid I, Behold and look,
I come a mean to be:
For in the volume of thy book
thus is it ſaid of me,

11 That I, O God, should do thy mind,
which thing doth like me well:
For in my heart thy law I find
fast placed there to dwell.
12 Thy justice and thy righteousness
in great resorts I tell:
Behold, my tongue no time doth cease,
O Lord, thou know'st full well.

The second part.

13 I have not hid within my breast
thy goodness as by stealth:
But I declare and have exprest
thy truth and saving health.
14 I kept not close thy loving mind,
that no man should it know:
The trust that in thy truth I find,
to all the Church I show.
15 Thy tender mercy, Lord, from me
withdraw thou not away:
But let thy love and verity
preserve me still for ay.
16 For I with mischiefs many a one
am fore beset about:
My sins increase, and so come on,
I cannot spy them out.
17 For why? in number they exceed
the hairs upon my head:
My heart doth faint for very dread,
that I am almost dead.
18 With speed send help and set me free,
O Lord, I thee require:
Make haste with aid to succour me,
O Lord, at my desire.
19 Let them sustain rebuke and shame
that seek my soul to spill:
Drive back my foes, and them defame
that with and would me ill.
20 For their ill feats do them descry
that would deface my name:
Always at me they rail and cry,
Fie on him, fie for shame.
21 Let them in thee have joy and wealth
that seek to thee always:
That those that love thy saving health
may say, To God be praise.
22 But as for me, I am but poor,
opprest and brought full low:
Yet thou, O Lord, wilt me restore
to health, full well I know.
23 For why? thou art my hope and trust,
my refuge, help and stay:
Wherefore my God, as thou art just,
with me no time delay.

Beatus qui intelligit. Psal. xli T. S.

*David grievously afflicted, blesteth them that pity his
case, complaining on his faithless friends, such as*

*Judas, Joh. 13. Then he giveth thanks for Gods
mercy in chastising him gently, and not suffering
his enemies to triumph.*

THe man is blest that carefull is
the needy to consider:

For in the season perilous
the Lord will him deliver.

2 The Lord will make him safe and sound,
and happy in the land:
And he will not deliver him
into his enemies hand.

3 And in his bed when he lies sick,
the Lord will him restore:
And thou, O Lord, wilt turn to heal
his sickness and his fore.

4 Then in my sickness thus said I,
Have mercy, Lord on me,
And heal my soul which is full wo
that I offended thee.

5 Mine enemies wisht me ill in heart,
and thus of me did say,
When shall he die, that all his name
may vanish quite away?

6 And when they come to visit me,
they ask if I do well:
But in their hearts mischief they hatch,
and to their mates it tell.

7 They bite their lips and whisper so,
as though they would me charm,
And cast their fetches how to trap
me with some mortal harm.

8 Some grievous sin hath brought him to
this sickness, say they plain:
He is so low that without doubt
rise can he not again.

9 The man also that I did trust,
with me did use deceit:
Who at my table ate my bread,
the same for me laid wait.

10 Have mercy, Lord, on me therefore,
and let me be preserv'd:
That I may render unto them
the things they have deserv'd.

11 By this I know assuredly
to be belov'd of thee,
When that mine enemies have no cause
to triumph over me.

12 But in my right thou hast me kept,
and maintained alway:
And in thy presence place assign'd
where I shall dwell for ay.

13 The Lord the God of Israel
be praised evermore:
Even so be it, Lord, will I say,
even so be it therefore.

Quemadmodum. Psal. xlii. J. H.

David is grieved, that through persecutors he could not be present in the congregation, protesting his presence in heart, albeit in body separate. At last he sheweth, that notwithstanding these sorrows and thoughts, yet he continually putteth his trust in the Lord.

Like as the hart doth breathe and bray
the well-springs to obtain;

So doth my soul desire alway
with thee, Lord, to remain.

2 My soul doth thirst, and would draw near
the living God of might:

Oh when shall I come and appear
in presence of his sight!

3 The tears all times are my repast,
which from mine eyes do slide:

When wicked men cry out so fast,
where now is God thy guide?

4 Alas, what grief is it to think
what freedom once I had!

Therefore my soul as at pits brink
most heavy is and sad.

When I did march in good array,
furnished with my train,

Unto the temple was our way,
with songs and hearts most fain.

5 My soul, why art thou sad always,
and fret'st thus in my brest?

Trust still in God; from him to praise
I hold it ever best.

By him I have succour at need
against all pain and grief:

He is my God, which with all speed
will haste to send relief.

6 And thus my soul within me, Lord,
doth faint to think upon

The land of Jordan, and record
the little hill Hermon.

The second part.

7 One grief another in doth call,
as clouds burst out their voice:

The floods of evil that do fall,
run over me with noise.

8 Yet I by day felt his goodness
and help at all assaies:

Likewise by night I did not cease
the living God to praise.

9 I am perswaded thus to say
to him with pure pretence,

O Lord, thou art my guide and stay,
my rock and sure defence.

Why do I then in perplexities
hanging the head thus wall,

While that mine enemies me oppress,
and vex me with their talk?

10 For why? they pierce my inward parts
with pangs to be abhorr'd,

When they cry out with stubborn hearts,
Where is thy God thy Lord?

11 So soon why dost thou faint and quail,
my soul with pain oppress?

With thoughts why dost thy self assail
so sore within my brest?

12 Trust in the Lord thy God always,
and thou the time shalt see

To give him thanks with laud and praise,
for health restor'd to thee.

Judica me, Domine. Psal. xliii. T. S.

He prayeth to be delivered from them which conspire with Absalom, to the end that he might joyfully praise God in his holy congregation.

Judge and revenge my cause, O Lord,
from them that evil be:

From wicked and deceitfull men,
O Lord, deliver me.

2 For of my strength thou art the God,
why put'st thou me thee fro?

And why walk I so heavily
oppressed with my foe?

3 Send out thy light, and eke thy truth,
and lead me with thy grace,

Which may conduct me to thy hill,
and to thy dwelling-place.

4 Then shall I to the altar go
of God my joy and chear:

And on my harp give thanks to thee,
O God my God most dear.

5 Why art thou then so sad, my soul,
and fret'st thus in my brest?

Still trust in God; for him to praise
I hold it always best.

6 By him I have deliverance
against all pain and grief:

He is my God which doth alway
at need send me relief.

Deus auribus. Psal. xlii. T. S.

A most earnest prayer made in the name of the faithfull in persecution, for sustaining the quarrel of Gods word, as in S. Paul, Rom. 8.

Our ears have heard our fathers tell,
and reverently record

The wondrous works that thou hast done
in older time, O Lord.

2 How thou didst call the Gentiles out,
and stroyd'st them with strong hand:

Planting our fathers in their place,
and gav'st to them their land:

3 They conquered not by sword nor strength
the land of thy behest:

But by thy hand, thy arm, and grace;
because thou lov'dst them best.

- 4 Thou art my King. O God, that help
Jacob in sundry wise.
5 Led with thy power, we threw down such
as did against us rise.
6 I trusted not in bowe nor sword,
they could not save me sound:
7 Thou kept'st us from our enemies rage,
thou didst our foes confound.
8 And still we boast of thee our God,
and praise thy holy Name:
9 Yet now thou go'st not with our host,
but leavest us to shame.
10 Thou mad'st us flee before our foes,
and so were overtrod:
Our enemies robb'd and spoyl'd our goods,
when we were sperst abroad.
11 Thou hast us given to our foes,
as sheep for to be slain:
Amongst the heathen every where
scatt'ed we do remain.
12 Thy people thou hast sold like slaves,
and as a thing of nought:
For profit none thou hadst thereby,
no gain at all was sought.
13 And to our neighbours thou hast made
of us a laughing-stock:
And those that round about us dwell,
at us do grin and mock.

The second part.

- 14 Thus we serve for none other use,
but for a common talk:
They mock, they scorn, they nod their heads
where e're they go or walk.
15 I am asham'd continually,
to hear these wicked men:
Yea so I blush, that all my face
with red is covered then.
16 For why? we hear such slanderous words,
such false reports and lies:
That death it is to see their wrongs,
their threatnings and their cries.
17 For all this we forgot not thee,
nor yet thy covenant brake:
18 We turn not back our hearts from thee,
nor yet thy paths forsake.
19 Yet thou hast trod us down to dust,
where dens of dragons be:
And covered us with shade of death,
and great adversity.
20 If we had our Gods Name forgot,
and help of Idols sought,
21 Would not God then have trild this out
for he doth know our thought.
22 Nay, nay, for thy Names sake, O Lord,
always are we slain thus:
As sheep unto the shambles sent,
right so they deal with us.

- 23 Up Lord, why sleepest thou? awake,
and leave us not for all:
24 Why hidest thou thy countenance,
and dost forget our thrall?
25 For down to dust our soul is brought,
and we now at last cast:
Our belly, like as it were glu'd,
unto the ground cleaves fast.
26 Rise up therefore for our defence,
and help us, Lord, at need:
We thee beseech for thy goodness,
to rescue us with speed.

Eructavit. Psal. xlv. J. H.

Solomon his majesty, honour, strength, beauty, riches,
and power, are praised: his marriage with the E-
gyptian an heathen woman is blessed, if that she re-
nounce her people and country, and give her self
wholly to her husband. Here is figured the wonder-
full majesty and increase of Christs kingdom, and
the Church his spouse now taken of the Gentiles.

- M**Y heart doth take in hand
Some godly song to sing:
The praise that I shall shew therein
pertaineth to the King.
2 My tongue shall be as quick
his honour to indite,
As is the pen of any scribe
that useth fast to write.
3 O fairest of all men,
thy speech is pleasant pure:
For God hath blessed thee with gifts
for ever to endure.
4 About thee gird thy sword,
O prince of might elect:
With honour, glory, and renown
thy person pure is deckt.
5 Go forth with godly speed,
with meekness, truth and right:
And thy right hand shall thee instruct
in works of dreadfull might.
6 Thine arrows sharp and keen
their hearts so sore shall sting:
That folk shall fall and kneel to thee,
yea all thy foes, O king.
7 Thy royall seat, O Lord,
for ever shall remain:
Because the sceptre of thy realm
doth righteousness maintain.
8 Because thou lov'st the right,
and dost the ill detest,
God, even thy God hathointed thee
with joy above the rest.
9 With myrrh and savours sweet
thy clothes are all bespread:
When thou dost from thy palace pass,
therein to make thee glad.

10 Kings daughters do attend
in fine and rich aray :
At thy right hand the queen doth stand
in gold and garments gay.

The second part.

11 O daughter, take good heed,
incline and give good ear :
Thou muſt forget thy kindred all,
and fathers houſe moſt dear.
12 Then ſhall the king deſire
thy beauty fair and trim :
For why? he is the Lord thy God,
and thou muſt worſhip him.
13 The daughters then of Tyre,
with gifts full rich to ſee,
And all the wealthy of the land
ſhall make their ſuit to thee.
14 The daughter of the king
is glorious to behold :
Within her cloſet ſhe doth ſit
all deckt in beaten gold.
15 In robes well wrought with needle,
and many a pleaſant thing :
With virgins fair on her to wait,
ſhe cometh to the king.
16 Thus are they brought with joy
and mirth on every ſide,
Into the palace of the king,
and there they do abide.
17 In ſtead of parents left,
(O queen, the caſe ſo ſtands)
Thou ſhalt have ſons whom thou mayſt ſet
as princes in all lands.
18 Wherefore thy holy Name
all ages ſhall record :
The people ſhall give thanks to thee
for evermore, O Lord.

Deus noſter. Pſal. xlii. J. H.

A ſong of thankſgiving for the deliverance of Jeruſalem, after Senacherib with his army was driven away, or ſome other like ſudden and marvelous deliverance by the mighty hand of God : whereby the prophet commending his great benefits, doth exhort the faithfull to give themſelves wholly into the hand of God, doubting nothing but that under his protection they ſhall be ſafe againſt all the assaults of their enemies.

THe Lord is our defence and aid,
the ſtrength whereby we ſtand :
When we with wo are much diſmay'd,
he is our help at hand.
2 Though th' earth remove, we will not fear,
though hills ſo high and ſteep
Be thruſt and hurl'd here and there,
within the ſea ſo deep.

3 No, though the waves do rage ſo ſore
that all the banks it ſpills :
And though it overflow the ſhore,
and beat down mighty hills.
4 For one fair floud doth ſend abroad
his pleaſant ſtreams apace,
To freſh the city of our God,
and waſh his holy place.
5 In miſt of her the Lord doth dwell,
ſhe can no whit decay :
All things againſt her that rebell
the Lord will truly ſlay.
6 The heathen folk, the kingdoms fear,
the people make a noiſe :
The earth doth melt and not appear,
when God puts forth his voice.
7 The Lord of hoſts doth take our part,
to us he hath an eye :
Our hope of health with all our heart
on Jacobs God doth lie.
8 Come here and ſee with mind and thought
the working of our God :
What wonders he himſelf hath wrought
in all the world abroad.
9 By him all wars are huſht and gone,
which countreys did conſpire :
Their bowes he brake and ſpears each one,
their chariots burnt with fire.
10 Leave off therefore (ſaith he) and know
I am a God moſt ſtout,
Among the heathen high and low,
and all the earth thoroughout.
11 The Lord of hoſts doth us defend,
he is our ſtrength and tower :
On Jacobs God we do depend,
and on his might and power.

Omnes gentes. Pſal. xliii. J. H.

An exhortation to worſhip God for his mercies to Jacobs poſterity. Herein is propheſied the kingdom of Chriſt in the time of the Goſpel.

YE people all with one accord
clap hands and eke rejoyce :
Be glad and ſing unto the Lord
with ſweet and pleaſant voice.
2 For high the Lord and dreadfull is,
with wonders manifold :
A mighty King he is truly,
in all the earth extoll'd.
3 The people ſhall he make to be
unto our bondage thrall :
And underneath our feet he ſhall
the nations make to fall.
4 For us the heritage he choſe
which we poſſeſs alone,
The flouriſhing worſhip of Jacob
his welbelov'd one.

5 Our God ascended up on high
with joy and pleasant noise:
The Lord goes up above the sky
with trumpets royal voice.
6 Sing praises to our God, sing praise,
sing praises to our King:
7 For God is King of all the earth,
all skilfull praises sing.
8 God on the heathen reigns, and sits
upon his holy throne:
The princes of the people have
them joyned every one
To Abrahams people: for our God,
which is exalted high,
As with a buckler doth defend
the earth continually.

Magnus Dominus. Psal. xlviii. J. H.
Thanks is given to God for the notable deliverance
of Jerusalem from the bands of many kings: the
estate whereof is praised, for that God is present
at all times to defend it. This psalm seemeth to be
made in the time of Abaz, Jehoshaphat, Asa, or
Hezekiah: for then chiefly was the city by forein
princes assaulted.

Great is the Lord, and with great praise
to be advanced still
Within the city of our God,
upon his holy hill.
2 Mount Sion is a pleasant place,
it gladdeth all the land:
The city of the mighty King
on her north-side doth stand.
3 Within the palaces thereof
God is a refuge known:
For lo, the kings are gathered, and
together they are gone.
4 But when they did behold it so,
they wondred, and they were
Astonied much, and suddenly
were driven back with fear.
5 Great terrour there on them did fall,
for very wo they cry,
As doth a woman when she shall
go travail by and by.
6 As thou with eastern wind the ships
upon the sea dost break,
So they were stroyd: and even as
we heard our fathers speak;
7 So in the city of the Lord
we saw as it was told,
Yea, in the city which our God
for ever will uphold.
8 O Lord, we wait and do attend
on thy good help and grace:
For which we do all times attend
within thy holy place.
9 O Lord, according to thy Name
for ever is thy praise:

And thy right hand, O Lord, is full
of righteousness always.
10 Let, for thy judgements, Sion mount
fulfilled be with joys:
And eke of Judah grant, O Lord,
the daughters to rejoyce.
11 Go walk about all Sion hill,
yea, round about her go;
And tell the towres that thereupon
are builded on a row.
12 And mark ye well her bulwarks all,
behold her towers there:
That ye may tell thereof to them
that after shall be here.
13 For this God is our God, our God
for evermore is he:
Yea, and unto the death also
our Guider shall he be.

Audite hac, omnes. Psal. xlix. J. H.
Gods Spirit moveth the consideration of mans life,
shewing that the wealthiest are not happiest, but
noteth how all things are ruled by Gods provi-
dence: who as he judgeth these worldly misers to
everlasting torments, so doth he preserve his, and
will reward them in the day of the resurrection.
2 Theff. 1.

All people hearken and give ear
to that that I shall tell,
2 Both high and low, both rich and poor
that in the world do dwell.
3 For why? my mouth shall make discourse
of many things right wise:
In understanding shall mine heart
his study exercise.
4 I will incline mine ear to know
the parable so dark:
And open all my doubtfull speech
in metre on my harp.
5 Why should I fear affliction,
or any carefull toyl?
Or else my foes which at my heels
are preit my life to spoil?
6 For as for such as riches have,
wherein their trust is most;
And they which of their treasures great
themselves do brag and boast;
7 There is not one of them that can
his brothers death redeem,
Or that can give a price to God
sufficient for him.
8 It is too great a price to pay,
none can thereto attain:
Or that he might his life prolong
or not in grave remain.
9 They see wise men, as well as fools,
subject unto deaths bands:
And being dead, strangers possess
their goods, their rents, their lands.
10 Their

10 Their care is to build houses fair,
and so determine sure
To make their name right great on earth
for ever to endure.

11 Yet shall no man always enjoy
high honour, wealth, and rest;

12 But shall at length taste of death's cup,
as well as the brute beast.

The second part.

13 And though they try their foolish thoughts
to be most lewd and vain:
Their children yet approve their talk,
and in like sin remain.

14 As sheep into the fold are brought,
so shall they into grave:
Death shall them eat, and in that day
the just shall lordship have.

15 Their image and their royal port
shall fade and quite decay,
When as from house to pit they pass
with wo and well-away.

16 But God will surely preserve me
from death and endless pain:
Because he will of his good grace
my soul receive again.

17 If any man wax wondrous rich,
fear not, I say, therefore:
Although the glory of his house
increaseth more and more.

18 For when he dies, of all these things
nothing shall he receive:
His glory will not follow him,
his pomp will take her leave.

19 Yet in this life he takes himself
the happiest under sun:
And others likewise flatter him,
saying, All is well done.

20 And presuppose he live as long
as did his fathers old;
Yet must he needs at length give place,
and be brought to death's fold.

21 Thus man to honour God hath brought,
yet doth he not consider:
But like brute beasts so doth he live,
which turn to dust and powder.

Deus deorum. Psal. 1. W. W.

*He prophesieth how God will call all nations by the
gospel, and require no other sacrifice of his people,
but the confession of his benefits and thanksgiving:
and how he detesteth all such as seem zealous of ce-
remonies, and not of the power of the word.*

THe mighty God,
th' eternal hath thus spoke,
And all the world
he will call and provoke:
Even from the east,
and so forth to the west.

2 From toward Sion,
which place he liketh best,
God will appear
in beauty most excellent:
Our God will come
before that long time be spent.

3 Devouring fire
shall go before his face;
A great tempest
shall round about him trace.

4 Then shall he call
the earth and heavens bright,
To judge his folk
with equity and right:

5 Saying, go to,
and now my saints assemble:
My pact they keep,
their gifts do not dissemble.

6 The heavens shall
declare his righteousness:
For God is Judge
of all things more and less.

7 Hear, my people,
for I will now reveal;
Lift Israel,
I will thee nought conceal.

Thy God, thy God
am I, and will not blame thee
8 For giving not
all manner offerings to me.

9 I have no need
to take of thee at all
Goats of thy fold,
or calf out of thy stall:

10 For all the beasts
are mine within the woods:
On thousand hills
cattel are mine own goods:

11 I know for mine
all birds that are on mountains:
All beasts are mine
which haunt the fields and fountains.

12 Hungry if I were,
I would not thee it tell;
For all is mine
that in the world doth dwell.

13 Eat I the flesh
of great bulls or bullocks?
Or drink the blood
of goats, or of the flocks?

14 Offer to God
praise and hearty thanksgiving,
And pay thy vows
unto God everliving.

15 Call upon me
when troubled: thou shalt be:
Then will I help,
and thou shalt honour me.

16 To the wicked
thus ſaith th' eternall God,
Why doſt thou preach
my laws and heſts abroad :
17 Seeing thou haſt
them with thy mouth abuſed,
And haſt to be
by diſcipline reformed ?
My words, I ſay,
thou doſt reject and hate :
18 If that thou ſee
a thief, as with thy mate,
Thou runn'ſt with him,
and ſo your prey do ſeek ;
And art all one
with bards and ruſſians eke.
19 Thou giv'ſt thy ſelf
to backbite and to ſlander :
And how thy tongue
deceives it is a wonder.
20 Thou ſitt'ſt muſing
thy brother how to blame,
And how to put
thy mothers ſon to ſhame.
21 Theſe things thou didſt,
and whil'ſt I held my tongue,
Thou didſt me judge,
becauſe I ſtaid ſo long,
Like to thy ſelf :
yet though I keep long ſilence,
Once ſhalt thou feel
of thy wrongs juſt recompence.
22 Conſider this,
ye that forget the Lord,
And fear not when
he threatneth with his word :
Left without help
I ſpoil you as a prey.
23 But he that thanks
offereth, praiſeth me ay,
Saith the Lord God :
and he that walketh this trace,
I will him teach
Gods ſaving health to embrace.

Another of the ſame, by J. H.

THe God of gods, the Lord,
hath call'd the earth by name :
From whence the ſun doth riſe, unto
the ſetting of the ſame.
2 From Sion his fair place,
his glory bright and clear,
The perfect beauty of his grace,
from thence it did appear.
3 Our God ſhall come in haſte,
to ſpeak he ſhall not doubt :
Before him ſhall the fire waſte,
and tempeſt round about.

4 The heavens from on high,
the earth below likewise
He will call forth to judge and try;
his folk he doth deviſe.
5 Bring forth my ſaints, ſaith he,
my faithfull flock ſo dear :
Which are in band and league with me,
my law to love and fear.
6 And when theſe things are tri'd,
the heavens ſhall record,
That God is juſt ; and all muſt bide
the judgement of the Lord.
7 My people, O give heed,
Iſrael to thee I cry :
I am thy God, thy help at need,
thou canſt it not deny.
8 I do not ſay to thee
thy ſacrifice is ſlack :
Thou offer'ſt daily unto me
much more then I do lack.
9 Think'ſt thou that I do need
thy cartel young or old ?
Or elſe ſo much deſire to feed
on goats out of thy fold ?
10 Nay ; all the beaſts are mine,
in woods that eat their fills :
And thouſands more of neat and kine,
that run wild on the hills.

The ſecond part.

11 The birds that build on high,
in hills and out of ſight :
And beaſts that in the field do lie,
are ſubject to my might.
12 Then though I hungred ſore,
what need I ought of thine,
Sith that the earth with her great ſtore,
and all therein is mine ?
13 To bulls fleſh have I mind
to eat it doſt thou think ?
Or ſuch a ſweetneſs do I find
the bloud of goats to drink ?
14 Give to the Lord his praiſe,
with thanks to him apply :
And ſee thou pay thy vows always
unto the God moſt high.
15 Then ſeek and call to me,
when ought would work thee blame :
And I will ſure deliver thee,
that thou mayſt praiſe my Name.
16 But to the wicked train,
which talk of God each day,
And yet their works are foul and vain,
to them the Lord will ſay.
17 With what a face dar'ſt thou
my word once ſpeak or name ?
Why doſt thou talk my law allow,
thy deeds deny the ſame ?
18 Whereas

18 Whereas for to amend
thy life thou art so slack:
My word the which thou dost pretend,
is cast behind thy back.

The third part.

19 When thou a thief dost see
by theft to live in wealth,
With him thou runn'st and dost agree
likewise to thrive by stealth.
20 When thou dost them behold
that wives and maids defile,
Thou lik'st it well, and waxest bold
to use that life most vile.
21 Thy lips thou dost apply
to slander and defame:
Thy tongue is taught to craft and lie,
and still doth use the same.
22 Thou studiest to revile
thy friends to thee so near:
With slander thou would'st needs defile
thy mothers son most dear.
23 Hereat while I do wink,
as though I did not see,
Thou goest on still, and so dost think
that I am like to thee.
24 But sure I will not let
to strike, when I begin:
Thy faults in order I will set,
and open all thy sin.
25 Mark this I you require,
that have not God in mind:
Left when I plague you in mine ire,
your help be far to find.
26 He that doth give to me
the sacrifice of praise,
Doth please me well, and he shall see
to walk in godly ways.

Miserere mei. Psal. li. W. W.

David rebuked by the prophet Nathan for his great offence, acknowledgeth the same to God, protesting his natural corruption. Wherefore he prayeth God to forgive his sins, and renew in him his holy Spirit, promising that he will not be unmindfull of these great graces. Finally, fearing lest God would punish the whole church for his fault, he requireth that he rather would increase his grace towards the same.

O Lord, consider my distress,
and now with speed some pity take:
My sins deface, my faults redress,
good Lord, for thy great mercies sake.
2 Wash me, O Lord, and make me clean
from this unjust and sinfull act,
And purifie yet once again
my hainous crime and bloody fact.

3 Remorse and sorrow do constrain
me to acknowledge mine excess:
My sin alas doth still remain
before my face without release.
4 For thee alone I have offended,
committing evil in thy sight:
And if I were therefore condemned,
yet were thy judgements just and right.
5 It is too manifest alas
that first I was conceiv'd in sin:
Yea, of my mother so born was,
and yet vile wretch remain therein.
6 Also behold, Lord, thou dost love
the inward truth of a pure heart:
Therefore thy wisdom from above
thou hast reveal'd me to convert.
7 If thou with hyssop purge this blot,
I shall be cleaner then the glass:
And if thou wash away my spot,
the snow in whiteness shall I pass.
8 Therefore, O Lord, such joy me send,
that inwardly I may find grace,
And that my strength may now amend,
which thou hast swag'd for my trespass.
9 Turn back thy face and frowning ire,
for I have felt enough thy hand:
And purge my sins, I thee desire,
which do in number pass the sand.
10 Make new my heart within my brest,
and frame it to thy holy will:
Thy constant Spirit in me let rest,
which may these raging enemies kill.

The second part.

11 Cast me not, Lord, out from thy face,
but speedily my torments end:
Take not from me thy Spirit of grace,
which may from dangers me defend.
12 Restore me to those joys again
which I was wont in thee to find:
And let me thy free Spirit retain,
which unto thee may stir my mind.
13 Thus when I shall thy mercies know,
I shall instruct others therein:
And men that are likewise brought low,
by mine example shall flee sin.
14 O God, that of my health art Lord,
forgive me this my bloody vice:
My heart and tongue shall then accord
to sing thy mercies and justice.
15 Touch thou my lips, my tongue unty,
O Lord, which art the onely key:
And then my mouth shall testify
thy wondrous works and praise alway.
16 And as for outward sacrifice,
I would have offered many a one:
But thou esteem'st them of no price,
and therein pleasure tak'st thou none.

- 17 The heavy heart, the mind oppress,
O Lord, thou never dost reject:
And, to speak truth, it is the best,
and of all sacrifice th' effect.
- 18 Lord, unto Sion turn thy face,
pour out thy mercies on thy hill,
And on Jerusalem thy grace,
build up the walls, and love it still.
- 19 Thou shalt accept then our offerings
of peace and righteousness, I say:
Yea calves and many other things
upon thine altar will we lay.

Another of the same, by J. H.

- H**Ave mercy on me, Lord, after
thy great abounding grace:
After thy mercies multitude
do thou my sins deface.
- 2 Yea wash me more from mine offence,
and cleanse me from my sin:
For I do know my faults, and still
my sin is in mine eye.
- 3 Against thee, thee alone I have
offended in this case:
And evil have I done before
the presence of thy face.
- 4 That in the things that thou hast done
upright thou may'st be tri'd,
And eke in judging, that the doom
may pass upon thy side.
- 5 Behold, in wickedness my kind
and shape I did receive:
And lo my sinfull mother eke
in sin did me conceive.
- 6 But lo, the truth in inward parts
is pleasant unto thee;
And secrets of thy wisdom thou
revealed hast to me.
- 7 With hyssop, Lord, besprinkle me,
I shall be cleansed to:
Yea wash thou me, and so I shall
be whiter then the snow.
- 8 Of joy and gladness make thou me
to hear the pleasant voice:
That so the bruised bones which thou
hast broken may rejoice.
- 9 From the beholding of my sins,
Lord, turn away thy face:
And all my deeds of wickedness
do utterly deface.
- 10 O God, create in me a heart
unsported in thy sight:
And eke within my bowels, Lord,
renew a stable spirit.
- 11 Ne cast me from thy sight, nor take
thy holy Spirit away:
The comfort of thy saving health
give me again, I pray.

- 12 With thy free Spirit establish me,
and I will teach therefore
Sinners thy ways, and wicked shall
be turned to thy lore.

The second part.

- 13 O God that art God of my health,
from blood deliver me:
That praises of thy righteousness
my tongue may sing to thee.
- 14 My lips that yet fast closed be,
do thou, O Lord, unloose:
The praises of thy Majesty
my mouth shall so disclose.
- 15 I would have offered sacrifice,
if that had pleased thee:
But pleased with burnt-offerings
I know thou wilt not be.
- 16 A troubled spirit is sacrifice
delightfull in Gods eyes:
A broken and an humble heart,
God, thou wilt not despise.
- 17 In thy good will deal gently, Lord,
to Sion, and withall
Grant that of thy Jerusalem
uprear'd may be the wall.
- 18 Burnt off-rings, gifts, and sacrifice
of justice in that day
Thou shalt accept, and calves they shall
upon thine altar lay.

Quid gloriaris? Psal. lii. J. H.

David describeth the arrogant tyranny of Doeg
Sauls chief shepherd, who by false surmises caused
Ahimelech and the priests to be slain: he prophesi-
eth destruction, encourageth the faithfull to trust
in God, who most sharply revengeth his, and ren-
dredh thanks for his deliverance. Herein is lively
set forth the kingdom of antichrist.

- W**hy dost thou tyrant boast abroad
thy wicked works to praise?
Dost thou not know there is a God,
whose mercies last always?
- 2 Why doth thy mind yet still devise
such wicked wiles to warp?
Thy tongue untrue in forging lies,
is like a rasour sharp.
- 3 On mischief why set'st thou thy mind,
and wilt not walk upright?
Thou hast more lust false tales to find
then bring the truth to light.
- 4 Thou dost delight in fraud and guile,
in mischief, blood, and wrong:
Thy lips have learn'd the flatter'ing style,
O false deceitfull tongue.
- 5 Therefore shall God for ay confound,
and pluck thee from thy place,
Thy

Thy seed root out from off the ground,
and so shall thee deface.

6 The just when they behold thy fall,
with fear will praise the Lord.

And in reproach of thee withall
cry out with one accord.

7 Behold the man that would not take
the Lord for his defence:

But of his goods his god did make,
and trust his corrupt sense.

8 But I as olive fresh and green
shall spring and spread abroad:

For why? my trust all times hath been
upon the living God.

9 For this therefore will I give praise
to thee with heart and voice:

I will set forth thy Name always,
wherein thy saints rejoyce.

Dixit insipiens. Psal. liii. T. S.

David describeth the crooked nature, cruelty, and punishment of the wicked, when they look not for it, and desireth the deliverance of the godly, that they may rejoyce together.

THe foolish man in that which he
within his heart hath said,

That there is any God at all
hath utterly denied.

2 They are corrupt, and they also
a hainous work have wrought:

Among them all there is not one
of good that worketh ought.

3 The Lord look'd down on sons of men,
from heaven all abroad,

To see if any were that would
be wise and seek for God.

4 They are all gone out of the way,
they are corrupted all:

There is not one doth any good,
there is not one at all.

5 Do not all wicked workers know,
that they do feed upon

My people, as they feed on bread?
the Lord they call not on.

6 Even there they were afraid, and stood
with trembling all dismayed:

Whereas there was no cause at all
why they should be afraid.

7 For God his bones that thee besleg'd
hath scart'ed all abroad:

Thou hast confounded them, for they
rejected are of God.

8 O Lord, give thou thy people health,
and thou, O Lord, fulfill

Thy promise made to Israel,
from out of Sion hill.

9 When God his people shall restore
that erst was captive led,

Then Jacob shall therein rejoyce,
and Israel shall be glad.

Deus, in nomine. Psal. liii. T. H.

David in great danger through Ziphims, calleth upon God to destroy his enemies, promising sacrifice for his deliverance.

GOD, save me for thy holy Name,
and for thy goodness sake:

Unto the strength, Lord, of the same
I do my cause betake.

2 Regard, O Lord, and give an ear
to me when I do pray:

Bow down thy self to me, and hear
the words that I do say.

3 For strangers up against me rise,
and tyrants vex me still,

Which have not God before their eyes:
they seek my soul to spill.

4 But lo, my God doth give me aid,
the Lord is straight at hand:

With them by whom my soul is staid
the Lord doth ever stand.

5 With plagues repay again all those
for me that lie in wait:

And in thy truth destroy my foes
with their own snare and bait.

6 An off'ring of free heart and will
then I to thee shall make;

And praise thy name; for therein still
great comfort I do take.

7 O Lord, at length do let me free
from them that craft conspire:

And now mine eye with joy doth see
on them my hearts desire.

Exaudi, Deus. Psal. liii. T. H.

David in great distress, complaineth of Saul's cruelty, and falsehood of his familiar acquaintance, effectuously moving the Lord to pity him: then assured of his deliverance, he setteth forth the grace of God, as if he had already obtained his request.

O God, give ear and do apply
to hear me when I pray:

And when to thee I call and cry,
hide not thy self away.

2 Take heed to me, grant my request,
and answer me again:

With plaints I pray full sore oppress,
great grief doth me constrain.

3 Because my foes with threats and cries
oppress me through despite:

And so the wicked for likewise
to vex me have delight.

4 For they in counsel do conspire
to charge me with some ill:
So in their hasty wrath and ire
they do pursue me still.

5 My heart doth faint for want of breath,
it panreth in my brest:
The terrours and the dread of death
do work me much unrest.

6 Such dreadfull fear on me doth fall,
that I therewith do quake:
Such horror whelmeth me withall,
that I no shift can make.

7 But I did say, Who will give me
the swift and pleasant wings
Of some fair dove, that I may flee,
and rest me from these things?

8 Lo then I would go far away,
to fly I would not cease:
And I would hide my self, and stay
in some great wilderness.

9 I would be gone in all the haste,
and not abide behind:
That I were quit and overpast
these blasts of boistrous wind.

10 Divide them, Lord, and from them pull
their devilish double tongue:
For I have spild their city full
of rapine, strife, and wrong.

11 Which things both night and day throughout,
do close her as a wall:
In midst of her is mischief stout,
and sorrow eke withall.

12 Her inward parts are wicked plain,
her deeds are much too vile:
And in her streets there doth remain
all crafty fraud and guile.

The second part.

13 If that my foes did seek my shame,
I might it well abide:
From open enemies check and blame
some where I could me hide:

14 But thou it was my fellow dear,
which friendship didst pretend,
And didst my secret counsel hear,
as my familiar friend.

15 With whom I had delight to talk,
in secret and abroad:
And we together oft did walk
within the house of God.

16 Let death in haste upon them fall,
and send them quick to hell:
For mischief reigneth in the hall
and parlour where they dwell.

17 But I unto my God will cry,
to him for help I flee:
The Lord will help me by and by,
and he will succour me.

18 At morning, noon, and evening-tide
unto the Lord I pray:
When I so instantly have cri'd,
he doth not say me nay.

19 To peace he shall restore me yet,
though war be now at hand:
Although the number be full great
that would against me stand.

20 The Lord that first and last doth reign,
both now and evermore,
Will hear when I to him complain,
and punish them full fore.

21 For sure there is no hope that they
to turn will once accord:
For why? they will not God obey,
nor yet do fear the Lord.

22 Upon their friends they laid their hands
which were in covenant knit:
Of friendship to neglect the bands
they pass or care no whit.

23 While they have war within their hearts,
as butter are their words:
Although their words were smooth as oyl,
they cut as sharp as swords.

24 Cast thou thy care upon the Lord,
and he shall nourish thee:
For in no wise will he accord
the just in thrall to see.

25 But God shall cast them deep in pit,
that thirst for bloud always:
He will no guilefull man permit
to live out half his days.

26 Though such be quite destroy'd and gone,
in thee, O Lord, I trust:
I shall depend thy grace upon,
with all my heart and lust.

Miserere mei. Psal. lvi. J. H.

David being brought to Achish the king of Gath,
1 Sam. 21. 10. complaineth of his enemies, de-
mandeth succour, trusteth in God, and promiseth
to perform his vow, which was to praise God in
his Church.

HAve mercy, Lord, on me, I pray,
for man would me devour:
He fighteth with me day by day,
and troubleth me each hour.

2 Mine enemies daily enterprise
to swallow me outright:
To fight against me many rise,
O thou most high of might.

3 When they would make me most afraid
with boasts and brags of pride,
I trust in thee alone for aid,
by thee I will abide.

4 Gods promise I do mind and praise,
O Lord, I stick to thee:
I do

I do not care at all affays,
what fleſh can do to me.

5 What things I either did or ſpake,
they wreſt them at their will :

And all the counſel that they take
is how to work me ill.

6 They all conſent themſelves to hide,
cloſe watch for me to lay :

They ſpy my paths, and ſnares have tīd
to take my life away.

7 Shall they thus ſcape on miſchief ſet ?
thou God on them wilt frown :

For in his wrath he doth not let
to throw whole kingdoms down.

8 Thou ſeeſt how oft they made me flee,
and on my tears doſt look :

Reſerve them in a glaſs by thee,
and write them in thy book.

9 When I do call upon thy Name,
my foes away do ſtart :

I well perceive it by the ſame,
that God doth take my part.

10 I glory in the word of God,
to praiſe it I accord :

With joy I will declare abroad
the promiſe of the Lord.

11 I truſt in God, and yet I ſay,
as I before began,

The Lord he is my help and ſtay,
I do not care for man.

12 I will perform with heart ſo free
to God my vows always :

And I, O Lord, all times to thee
will offer thanks and praiſe.

13 My ſoul from death thou doſt defend,
and keep'ſt my feet upright :

That I before thee may aſcend
with ſuch as live in light.

Miſerere mei. Pſal. lvii. J. H.

David in the deſert of Ziph, betrayed by the inhabitants, and in the ſame cave with Saul, calleth unto God, with full confidence that he will perform his promiſe, and ſhew his glory in heaven and earth, againſt his cruel enemies. Therefore he rendreth laud and praiſe.

Take pity for thy promiſe ſake;
have mercy, Lord, on me :

For why? my ſoul doth her betake
unto the help of thee.

2 Within the ſhadow of thy wings
I ſet my ſelf full faſt;

Till miſchief, malice, and like things
be gone and overpaſt.

3 I call upon the God moſt high,
to whom I ſtick and ſtand :

I mean the God that will ſtand by
the cauſe I have in hand.

4 From heaven he hath ſent his aid,
to ſave me from their ſpight,

That to devour me have affaid,
his mercy, truth, and might.

5 I lead my life with lions fell,
all ſet on wrath and ire :

And with ſuch wicked men I dwell,
that fret like flames of fire.

6 Their teeth are ſpears and arrows long
as ſharp as I have ſeen :

They wound and cut with their quick tongue
like ſwords and weapons keen.

7 Set up and ſhew thy ſelf, O God,
above the heavens bright :

Exalt thy praiſe on earth abroad,
thy majeſty and might.

8 They lay their net and do prepare
a privy cave and pit :

Wherein they think my ſoul to ſnare,
but they are fall'n in it.

9 My heart is ſet to laud the Lord,
in him to joy always :

My heart, I ſay, doth well accord
to ſing his laud and praiſe.

10 Awake, my joy, awake, I ſay,
my lute, my harp, and ſtring :

For I my ſelf before the day
will riſe, rejoyce, and ſing.

11 Among the people I will tell
the goodneſs of my God,

And ſhew his praiſe that doth excell,
in heathen lands abroad.

12 His mercy doth extend as far
as heavens all are high :

His truth as high as any ſtar
that ſhineth in the ſky.

13 Set forth and ſhew thy ſelf, O God,
above the heavens bright :

Extoll thy praiſe on earth abroad,
thy majeſty and might.

Si vere utique. Pſal. lviii. J. H.

He deſcribeth his malicious enemies, Sauls flatterers, who ſecretly and openly ſought his deſtruction; from whom he appealeth to Gods judgement, ſhewing that the juſt ſhall rejoyce at the puniſhment of the wicked, to Gods glory.

Ye rulers that are put in truſt
to judge of wrong and right,

Be all your judgements true and juſt,
not knowing meed or might ?

2 Nay, in your hearts ye mark and muſe
in miſchief to conſent,

And where ye ſhould true juſtice uſe,
your hands to bribes are bent.

3 The wicked ſort from their birth-day
have erred on this wiſe :

And from their mothers womb alway
have uſed craft and lies.

4 In them the poison and the breath
of serpents do appear :
Yea, like the adder that is deaf,
and fast doth stop her ear,

5 Because she will not hear the voice
of one that charmeth well :
No though he were the chief of choice,
and did therein excell.

6 O God, break thou their teeth at once
within their mouths throughout :
The tusks that in their great jaw-bones
like lions whelps hang out.

7 Let them consume away and waste,
as waters run forth right :
The shafts that they do shoot in haste,
let them be broke in flight.

8 As snails do waste within the shell,
and unto slime do run :
As one before his time that fell,
and never saw the sun.

9 Before the thorns that now are young,
to bushes big shall grow :
The storms of anger waxing strong
shall take them ere they know.

10 The just shall joy, it doth them good
that God doth vengeance take :
And they shall wash their feet in blood
of them that him forsake.

11 Then shall the world shew forth and tell,
that good men have reward :
And that a God on earth doth dwell,
that justice doth regard.

Eripe me. Psal. lix. J. H.

*David in great danger of Saul, who sent to slay him
in his bed, declareth his innocency and their fury,
praying God to destroy all malicious sinners; who
live for a time to exercise his people, but in the end
consume in his wrath, to Gods glory. For this he
singeth praise to God, assured of his mercies.*

SEnd aid and save me from my foes,
O Lord, I pray to thee :
Defend and keep me from all those
that rise and strive with me.

2 O Lord, preserve me from those men,
whose doings are not good :
And set me sure and safe from them
that thirst still after blood.

3 For lo, they wait my soul to take,
they rage against me still :
Yea, for no fault that I did make,
I never did them ill.

4 They run and do themselves prepare,
when I no whit offend :
Arise and save me from their snare,
and see what they intend.

5 O Lord of hosts of Israel,
arise and strike all lands :
And pity none that do rebel,
and in their mischiefs stands.

6 At night they stir and seek about,
as hounds they howl and grin :
And all the city clean throughout,
from place to place they run.

7 They speak of me with mouth alway,
but in their lips are swords :
They 'greed my death, and then would say,
What? none doth hear our words.

8 But, Lord, thou hast their ways espi'd,
and laugh thereat apace :
The heathen folk thou dost deride,
and mock them to their face.

9 The strength that doth our foes withstand,
O Lord, doth come from thee :
My God he is my help at hand,
a fort of fence to me.

10 The Lord to me doth shew his grace
in great abundance still :
That I may see my foes in case
such as my heart doth will.

The second part.

11 Destroy them not at once, O Lord,
lest it from mind do fall :
But with thy strength drive them abroad,
and so consume them all.

12 For their ill words and truthless tongue
confound them in their pride :
Their wicked oaths with lies and wrong,
let all the world deride.

13 Consume them in thy wrath, O Lord,
that nought of them remain :
That men may know throughout the world
that Jacobs God doth reign.

14 At evening they return apace,
as dogs they grin and cry :
Throughout the streets in every place
they run about and spy.

15 They seek about for meat, I say,
but let them not be fed :
Nor find a house wherein they may
be bold to put their head.

16 But I will shew thy strength abroad,
thy goodness I will praise :
For thou art my defence and God
at need in all assays.

17 Thou art my strength, thou hast me staid ;
O Lord, I sing to thee :
Thou art my fort, my fence, and aid,
a loving God to me.

Deus, repulisti. Psal. lx. J. H.

*David now king over Judah, after many victories,
sheweth by evident signs that God elected him king,
assuring*

assuring the people, that God will prosper them if they approve the same. After he prayeth unto God, to finish that he had begun.

- O** Lord, thou didst us clean forsake,
and scatt' redst us abroad :
Such great displeasure thou didst take ;
return to us, O God.
- 2 Thy might did move the land so sore,
that it in sunder brake :
The hurt thereof, O Lord, restore,
for it doth bow and quake.
- 3 With heavy chance thou plaguest thus
the people that are thine :
And thou hast given unto us
a drink of deadly wine.
- 4 But yet to such as fear thy Name
a banner thou didst shew :
That they may triumph in the same,
because thy word is true.
- 5 So that thy might may keep and save
thy folk that favour thee :
That they thy help at hand may have,
O Lord, grant this to me.
- 6 The Lord did speak from his own place,
this was his joyfull tale,
I will divide Sichem by pace,
and mete out Succoths vale.
- 7 Gilead is given to my hand,
Manasses mine beside :
Ephraim the strength of all my land,
my law doth Judah guide.
- 8 In Moab I will wash my feet,
over Edom throw my shoe :
And thou Palestine ought'st to seek
for favour me unto.
- 9 But who will bring me at this tide
unto the city strong ?
Or who to Edom will me guide,
so that I go not wrong ?
- 10 Wilt thou not God, which didst forsake
thy folk, their land and coasts ?
Our wars in hand thou would'st not take,
nor walk among our hosts.
- 11 Give aid, O Lord, and us relieve
from them that us disdain :
The help that hosts of men can give,
it is but all in vain.
- 12 But through our God we shall have might
to take great things in hand :
He will tread down and put to flight
all those that us withstand.

Exaudi, Deus. Psal. lxi. J. H.

Whether he were in danger of the Ammonites, or pursued of Absalom, here he crieth to be delivered, and confirmed in his kingdom, promising perpetual praises.

Regard O Lord, for I complain,
and make my suit to thee :

- Let not my words return in vain,
but give an ear to me.
- 2 From out the coasts and utmost parts
of all the earth abroad,
In grief and anguish of my heart
I cry to thee, O God.
- 3 Upon the rock of thy great power
my wofull mind repose :
Thou art my hope, my fort and tower,
my fence against my foes.
- 4 Within thy tent I lust to dwell,
for ever to endure :
Under thy wings I know right well
I shall be safe and sure.
- 5 The Lord doth my desire regard,
and doth fulfill the same :
With godly gifts will he reward
all those that fear his Name.
- 6 The king shall he in health maintain,
and so prolong his days :
That he from age to age shall reign,
for evermore alwayes.
- 7 That he may have a dwelling-place
before the Lord for ay ;
O let thy mercy, truth, and grace,
defend him from decay.
- 8 Then shall I sing for ever still
with praise unto thy Name :
That all my vows I may fulfill,
and daily pay the same.

Nonne Deo. Psal. lxii. J. H.

David declareth by his example, and the nature of God, that he and all people must trust in God alone, seeing that all without God goeth to nought, who onely is of power to save, and that he rewardeth man according to his works.

- M**Y soul to God shall give good heed,
and him alone attend :
For why ? my health and hope to speed
doth whole on him depend.
- 2 For he alone is my defence,
my rock, my health, and aid :
He is my stay, that no pretence
shall make me much dismayd.
- 3 O wicked folk, how long will ye
use craft ? sure ye must fall :
For as a rotten hedge ye be,
and like a tot'ring wall.
- 4 Whom God doth love, ye seek always
to put him to the worse :
Ye love to lie, with mouth ye praise,
and yet your heart doth curse.
- 5 Yet still my soul doth whole depend
on God my chief desire :
From all ill feats me to defend,
none but him I require.

- 6 He is my rock, my fort and tower,
my health is of his grace:
He doth support me, that no power
can move me out of place.
- 7 God is my glory and my health,
my souls desire and lust:
My fort, my strength, my stay, my wealth,
God is my onely trust.
- 8 Oh have your trust in him alway,
ye folk with one accord:
Pour out your hearts to him, and say,
our trust is in the Lord.
- 9 The sons of men deceitfull are,
on balance but a sleight:
With things most vain do them compare,
for they can keep no weight.
- 10 Trust not in wrong, robb'ry, nor stealth,
let vain delights be gone:
Though goods well got flow in with wealth,
set not your hearts thereon.
- 11 The Lord long since one thing did tell,
which here to mind I call:
He spake it oft, I heard it well,
That God alone doth all.
- 12 And that thou, Lord, art good and kind,
thy mercy doth exceed:
So that all sorts with thee shall find
according to their deed.

Deus, Deus meus. Psal. lxiii. T. S.

David after his danger in Ziph, giveth thanks to God for his wonderfull deliverance, in whose mercy he trusteth, even in the midst of misery: prophesying the destruction of Gods enemies; and contrariwise, happiness to all them that trust in the Lord. 1 Sam. 23.

- O God my God, I watch betime
to come to thee in haste:
For why? my soul and body both
do thirst of thee to taste.
And in this barren wilderness
where waters there are none,
My flesh is parcht for thought of thee,
for thee I wilh alone.
- 2 That I might see yet once again
thy glory, strength, and might,
As I was wont it to behold
within thy temple bright.
- 3 For why? thy mercies far surmount
this life and wretched days:
My lips therefore shall give to thee
due honour, laud and praise.
- 4 And whilst I live, I will not fail
to worship thee alway:
And in thy Name I shall lift up
my hands when I do pray.
- 5 My soul is fill'd as with marrow,
which is both fat and sweet:

My mouth therefore shall sing such songs
as are for thee most meet;

- 6 When as in bed I think on thee,
and eke all the night-tide,
7 For under covert of thy wings,
thou art my joyfull guide.
- 8 My soul doth surely stick to thee,
thy right hand is my power:
9 And those that seek my soul to 'stroy,
them death shall soon devour.
- 10 The sword shall them devour each one,
their carcases shall feed
The hungry foxes, which do run
their prey to seek at need.
- 11 The king and all men shall rejoyce,
that do profess Gods word:
For liars mouths shall then be stopp'd,
which have the truth disturb'd.

Exaudi, Deus. Psal. lxiv. J. H.

David prayeth against the false reporters and slanderers: he declareth their punishment and destruction, to the comfort of the just, and the glory of God.

- O Lord, unto my voice give ear,
with plaint when I do pray:
And rid my life and soul from fear
of foes that threat to slay.
- 2 Defend me from that sort of men
which in deceit do lurk:
And from the frowning face of them
that all ill feats do work.
- 3 Who whet their tongues as we have seen
men whet and sharp their swords:
They shoot abroad their arrows keen,
I mean most bitter words.
- 4 With privy sleights shoot they their shaft,
the upright man to hit:
The just un'wares to strike by craft,
they care or fear no whit.
- 5 A wicked work they have decreed,
in counsel thus they cry,
To use deceit let us not dread,
what? who can it espy?
- 6 What way to hurt they talk and muse
all times within their heart:
They all consult what feats to use,
each doth invent his part.
- 7 But yet all this shall not prevail;
when they think least upon,
God with his dart shall sure assail
and wound them every one.
- 8 Their crafts and their ill tongues withall
shall work themselves such blame,
That they which then behold their fall,
shall wonder at the same.
- 9 Then all that see shall know right well
that God the thing hath wrought,

And

And praise his witty works, and tell
what he to paſs hath brought.
10 Yet ſhall the juſt in God rejoyce,
ſtill truſting in his might:
So ſhall they joy with mind and voice,
whoſe hearts are pure and right.

Te decet hymnus. Pſal. lxxv. J. H.

*A thankſgiving unto God by the faithfull, who
are ſignified by Sion and Jeruſalem, for the
chooſing, preſervation, and governance of them,
and for the plentifull bleſſings poured forth upon
all the earth.*

Thy praise alone, O Lord, doth reign
in Sion thine own hill:
Their vows to thee they do maintain,
and their becheſts fulfill.
2 For that thou doſt their prayers hear,
and doſt thereto agree:
The people all both far and near
with truſt ſhall come to thee.
3 Our wicked life ſo far exceeds,
that we ſhall fall therein:
But Lord forgive our great miſdeeds,
and purge us from our ſin.
4 The man is bleſt whom thou doſt chooſe
within thy courts to dwell:
Thy houſe and temple he ſhall uſe,
with pleaſures that excell.
5 Of thy great juſtice hear us, God,
our health of thee doth riſe:
The hope of all the earth abroad,
and the ſea-coaſts likewiſe.
6 With ſtrength thou art beſet about,
and compaſt with thy power:
Thou mak'ſt the mountains ſtrong and ſtout,
to ſtand in every ſhower.
7 The ſwelling ſeas thou doſt aſſwage,
and make their ſtreams full ſtill:
Thou doſt reſtrain the peoples rage,
and rule them at thy will.
8 The folk that dwell full far on earth
ſhall dread thy ſigns to ſee,
Which morn and even in great mirth
do paſs with praise to thee.
9 When that the earth is chapt and dry,
and thirſteth more and more,
Then with thy drops thou doſt apply,
and much increaſe her ſtore.
10 The flood of God doth overflow,
and ſo doth cauſe to ſpring
The ſeed and corn which men do ſow,
for he doth guide the thing.
11 With wet thou doſt her furrows fill,
whereby her clods do fall:
Thy drops on her thou doſt diſtill,
and bleſs her fruit withall.

12 Thou deck'ſt the earth of thy good grace
with fair and pleaſant crop:
Thy clouds diſtill their dew apace,
great plenty they do drop:
13 Whereby the deſert ſhall begin
full great increaſe to bring:
The little hills ſhall joy therein,
much fruit in them ſhall ſpring.
14 In places plain the ſtocks ſhall feed,
and cover all the earth:
The vales with corn ſhall ſo exceed,
that men ſhall ſing for mirth.

Jubilate Deo. Pſal. lxxvi. T. S.

*He exhorteth to praise the Lord in his wonderfull
works: he ſetteth forth the power of God to affray
rebells, and ſheweth Gods mercy to Iſrael, and to
provoke all men to hear and praise his Name.*

YE men on earth in God rejoyce,
with praise ſet forth his Name:
Extoll his might with heart and voice,
give glory to the ſame.
2 How wonderfull, O Lord, ſay ye,
in all thy works thou art!
Thy foes for fear ſhall ſeek to thee
full fore againſt their heart.
3 All men that dwell the earth throughout,
ſhall praise the Name of God:
The laud thereof the world about
is ſhew'd and ſet abroad.
4 All folk come forth, behold and ſee
what things the Lord hath wrought!
Mark well the wondrous works that he
for man to paſs hath brought.
5 He laid the ſea like heaps on high,
therein a way they had
On foot to paſs both fair and dry,
whereof their hearts were glad.
6 His might doth rule the world alway,
his eyes all things behold:
All ſuch as would him diſobey,
by him ſhall be controll'd.
7 Ye people give unto our God
due laud and thanks alway:
With joyfull voice declare abroad,
and ſing unto his praise:
8 Which doth endue our ſoul with life,
and it preſerve withall:
He ſtays our feet, ſo that no ſtrife
can make us ſlip or fall.
9 The Lord doth prove our deeds with fire,
if that they will abide:
As workmen do when they deſire
to have their metalls tri'd.
10 Although thou ſuffer us ſo long
in priſon to be caſt,
And there with chains and fetters ſtrong
to lie in bondage caſt.

The second part.

- 11 Although, I say, thou suffer men
on us to ride and reign :
Though we through fire and water run,
of very grief and pain :
12 Yet sure thou dost of thy good grace
dispose it to the best,
And bring us out into a place,
to live in wealth and rest.
13 Unto thy house resort will I
to offer and to pray,
And there I will my self apply
my vows to thee to pay :
14 The vows that with my mouth I spake
in all my grief and smart ;
The vows, I say, which I did make
in dolour of my heart.
15 Burnt-off-rings I will give to thee
of oxen fat and rams :
Yea, this my sacrifice shall be
of bullocks, goats, and lambs.
16 Come forth and hearken here full soon,
all ye that fear the Lord :
What he for my poor soul hath done
to you I will record.
17 Full oft I call to mind his grace,
this mouth to him doth cry :
And thou my tongue make speed apace
to praise him by and by.
18 But if I feel my heart within
in wicked works rejoyce :
Or if I have delight to sin,
God will not hear my voice.
19 But surely God my voice hath heard,
and what I do require :
My prayer he doth well regard,
and granteth my desire.
20 All praise to him that hath not put
nor cast me out of mind :
Nor yet his mercy from me shut,
which I do ever find.

Deus misereatur. Psal. lxvii. J. H.

A sweet prayer for all the faithfull, to obtain the favour of God, and to be lightened with his countenance ; to the end, that his way and judgements may be known throughout the earth. Rejoycing that God is the governour of all nations.

- H**Ave mercy on us, Lord,
and grant to us thy grace :
To shew to us do thou accord
the brightness of thy face ;
2 That all the earth may know
the way to godly wealth :
And all the nations on a row
may see thy saving health.
3 Let all the world, O God,
give praise unto thy Name :

- O let the people all abroad
extoll and laud the same.
4 Throughout the world so wide
let all rejoyce with mirth :
For thou with truth and right dost guide
the nations of the earth.
5 Let all the world, O God,
give praise unto thy Name :
O let the people all abroad
extoll and laud the same.
6 Then shall the earth increase,
great store of fruit shall fall,
And then our God the God of peace
shall blefs us eke withall.
7 God shall us blefs, I say,
and then both far and near,
The folk throughout the earth alway
of him shall stand in fear.

Exurgat Deus. Psal. lxviii. T. S.

David expresth the wonderfull mercies of God towards his people, who by all means and most strange sorts declareth himself to them. Gods church therefore by reason of his promises, graces, and victories, doth excell all worldly things. Wherefore all men are moved to praise God for ever.

- L**Et God arise, and then his foes
will turn themselves to flight :
His enemies then will run abroad,
and scatter out of sight.
2 And as the fire doth melt the wax,
and wind blows smoke away :
So in the presence of the Lord,
the wicked shall decay.
3 But righteous men before the Lord
shall heartily rejoyce :
They shall be glad and merry all,
and cheerfull in their voice.
4 Sing praise, sing praise unto the Lord,
who rideth on the sky :
Extoll the Name of Jah our God,
and him do magnifie.
5 The same is he that is above
within his holy place,
That Father is of fatherless,
and Judge of widows case.
6 Houses he gives and issue both
unto the comfortless :
He bringeth bondmen out of thrall,
and rebels to distress.
7 When thou didst march before thy folk
th' Egyptians from among,
And brought'st them through the wilderness,
which was both wide and long :
8 The earth did quake, the rain pour'd down,
heard were great claps of thunder ;
The mount Sinai shook in such sort,
as it would break in sunder.

9 Thine heritage with drops of rain
abundantly was washt :
And if so be it barren waxt,
by thee it was refresh't.
10 Thy chosen flock doth there remain,
thou hast prepar'd that place :
And for the poor thou dost provide
of thine especial grace.

The second part.

11 God will give women causes just
to magnifie his Name,
When as his people triumphs make,
and purchase bruit and fame.
12 For puissant kings for all their power,
shall flee and take the foil,
And women which remain at home
shall help to part the spoil.
13 And though ye were as black as pots,
your hue shall pass the dove,
Whose wings and feathers seem to have
silver and gold above.
14 When in this land God shall triumph
o're kings both high and low :
Then shall it be like Salmon hill,
as white as any snow.
15 Though Basan be a fruitfull hill,
and in height others pass :
Yet Zion Gods most holy hill
doth far excell in grace.
16 Why brag ye thus ye hills most high,
and leap for pride together ?
The hill of Zion God doth love,
and there will dwell for ever.

17 Gods army is two millions
of warriours good and strong :
The Lord also in Sinai
is present them among.
18 Thou didst (O Lord) ascend on high,
and captives led'st them all,
Which in times past thy chosen flock
in bondage kept and thrall.
Thou mad'st them tribute for to pay ;
and such as did repine
Thou didst subdue, that they might dwell
in thy temple divine.
19 Now praised be the Lord, for that
he pours on us such grace :
From day to day he is the God
of our health and solace.

The third part.

20 He is the God from whom alone
salvation cometh plain :
He is the God by whom we scape
all dangers, death, and pain.
21 Thus God will wound his enemies head,
and break the hairy scalp
Of those that in their wickedness
continually do walk.

22 From Basan will I bring, said he,
my people and my sheep :
And all mine own, as I have done,
from dangers of the deep.
23 And make them dip their feet in blood
of those that hate my Name :
And dogs shall have their tongues embrew'd
with licking of the same.
24 All men may see how thou, O God,
thine enemies dost deface :
And how thou goest as God and King
into thine holy place.
25 The fingers go before with joy,
the minstrels follow after :
And in the midst the damsels play
with timbrel and with taber.
26 Now in the congregation,
O Israel, praise the Lord :
And Jacobs whole posterity,
give thanks with one accord.
27 Their chief was little Benjamin,
but Judah made their host,
With Zabulon and Nephtholim,
which dwelt about their coast.
28 As God hath given power to thee,
so Lord make firm and sure,
The thing that thou hast wrought in us,
for ever to endure.
29 And in thy temple gifts will we
give unto thee, O Lord,
For thine unto Jerusalem
sure promise made by word.

The fourth part.

Yea, and strange kings to us subdu'd
shall do like in those days :
I mean to thee they shall present
their gifts of laud and praise.
30 He shall destroy the spear-mens ranks,
the calves and bulls of might :
And cause them tribute pay, and daunt
all such as love to fight.
31 Then shall the lords of Egypt come,
and presents with them bring :
The Moors most black shall stretch their hands
unto their Lord and King.
32 Therefore ye kingdoms of the earth,
give praise unto the Lord :
Sing psalms to God with one consent,
thereto let all accord.
33 Who though he ride and ever hath
above the heavens bright :
Yet by the fearfull thunderclaps
men may well know his might.
34 Therefore the strength of Israel
ascribe to God on high,
Whose might and power doth far extend
above the cloudy sky.

35 O God, thy holiness and power
is dread for evermore:
The God of Israel gives us strength,
praised be God therefore.

Saluum me fac. Psal. Ixix. J. H.

Christ and his elect are figured in Davids zeal and anguish: the malicious cruelty of whose enemies, and their punishments, Judas and such traitours noteth, who are accursed. Then gathereth he courage in afflictions, and offereth praises to God, being more acceptable then all sacrifices. Finally, he doth provoke all creatures to praises, prophesying of the kingdom of Christ, and building of Judah, where all the faithfull and their seed shall dwell for ever.

SAve me, O God, and that with speed,
the waters flow full fast:
So nigh my soul do they proceed,
that I am fore agast.

2 I stick full deep in mire and clay,
whereas I feel no ground:

I fall into such floods, I say,
that I am like be drown'd.

3 With crying oft I faint and quail,
my throat is hoarse and dry:
With looking up my sight doth fail,
for help to God on high.

4 My foes that guiltless do oppress
my soul, with hate are led:
In number sure they are no less
then hairs are on my head.

5 Though for no cause they vex me sore,
they prosper and are glad:
They do compel me to restore
the things I never had.

6 What I have done for want of wit,
thou, Lord, all times canst tell:
And all the faults that I commit
to thee are known full well.

7 O God of hosts, defend and stay
all those that trust in thee:
Let no man doubt or shrink away
for ought that chanceth me.

8 It is for thee and for thy sake
that I do bear this blame:
In spite of thee they would me make
to hide my face for shame.

9 My mothers sons, my brethren all
forsake me on a row:
And as a stranger they me call,
my face they will not know.

10 Unto thy house such zeal I bear,
that it doth pine me much:
Their checks and taunts at thee to hear,
my very heart doth grutch.

The second part.

11 Though I do fast, my flesh to chaff,
yea, if I weep and mone:

Yet in my teeth this gear is cast,
they pass not thereupon.

12 If I for grief and pain of heart
in sackcloth use to walk,
Then they anon will it pervert,
thereof they jest and talk.

13 Both high and low, and all the throng
that sit within the gate,
They have me ever in their tongue;
of me they talk and prate.

14 The drunkards which in wine delight,
it is their chief pastime,
To seek which way to work me spite;
of me they sing and rhyme.

15 But thee the while, O Lord, I pray,
that when it pleaseth thee,
For thy great truth thou wilt alway
send down thine aid to me.

16 Pluck thou my feet out of the mire,
from drowning do me keep:
From such as ow me wrath and ire,
and from the waters deep.

17 Lest with the waves I should be drown'd,
and depth my soul devour,
And that the pit should me confound,
and shut me in her power.

18 O Lord of hosts, to me give ear,
as thou art good and kind:
And as thy mercy is most dear,
Lord, have me in thy mind.

19 And do not from thy servant hide
nor turn thy face away:
I am oppress'd on every side,
in haste give ear, I say.

20 O Lord, unto my soul draw nigh,
the same with aid repose:
Because of their great tyranny,
acquit me from my foes.

The third part.

21 That I abide rebuke and shame
thou know'st and thou canst tell:
For those that seek and work the same,
thou seest them all full well.

22 When they with brags do break my heart,
I seek for help anon:
But find no friends to ease my smart,
to comfort me not one.

23 But in my meat they gave me gall,
too cruel for to think:
And gave me in my thirst withall
strong vinegar to drink.

24 Lord, turn their table to a snare
to take themselves therein:
And when they think full well to fare,
then trap them in the gin.

25 And let their eyes be dark and blind,
that they may nothing see:

Bow down their backs, and do them bind,
in thralldom for to be.

26 Pour out thy wrath as hot as fire,
that it on them may fall :
Let thy displeasure in thine ire
take hold upon them all.

27 As deserts dry their house disgrace,
their offspring eke expell :
That none thereof possess their place,
nor in their tents do dwell.

28 If thou dost strike the man to tame,
on him they lay full sore :
And if that thou do wound the same,
they seek to hurt him more.

29 Then let them heap up mischief still,
(sith they are all pervert)
That of thy favour and good will
they never have a part.

30 And rase them clean out of thy book
of life, of hope, of trust :
That for their names they never look
in number of the just.

The fourth part.

31 Though I, O Lord, with wo and grief
have been full sore oppress :
Thy help shall give me such relief,
that all shall be redrest.
32 That I may give thy Name the praise,
and shew it with a song :
I will extoll the same always
with hearty thanks among.

33 Which is more pleasant unto thee,
(such mind thy grace hath born)
Then either ox or calf can be,
that hath both hoof and horn.

34 When simple folk do this behold,
it shall rejoyce them sure :
All ye that seek the Lord, behold,
your life for ay shall dure.

35 For why? the Lord of hosts doth hear
the poor when they complain :
His prisoners are to him full dear,
he doth them not disdain.

36 Wherefore the sky and earth below,
the sea, with floud and stream ;
His praise they shall declare and show,
with all that live in them.

37 For sure our God will Sion save,
and Juda's cities build :

38 Much folk possession there shall have,
her streets shall all be fill'd.

His servants seed shall keep the same
all ages out of mind :

39 And there all they that love his Name,
a dwelling-place shall find.

Deus in adiutorium. Psal. lxx. J. H.

He prayeth to be right speedily delivered, his enemies to be ashamed, and all that seek the Lord to be comforted.

O God, to me take heed,
of help I thee require :
O Lord of hosts, with haste and speed
help, help, I thee desire.

2 With shame confound them all
that seek my soul to spill :
Rebuke them back with blame to fall
that think and wish me ill.

3 Confound them that apply
and seek to work me shame :
And at my harm do laugh, and cry,
So, so, there goes the game.

4 But let them joyfull be
in thee with joy and wealth,
Which onely trust and seek to thee,
and to thy saving health.

5 That they may say always
in mirth and one accord,
All glory, honour, laud and praise
be given to thee, O Lord.

6 But I am weak and poor,
come, Lord, thine aid I lack :
Thou art my stay and help, therefore
make speed, and be not slack.

In te, Domine. Psal. lxxi. J. H.

He prayeth in faith, established by promise, and confirmed by the works of God from his youth, to be delivered from his wicked and cruel son Absalom, with his confederacy, promising to be thankful therefore.

MY Lord my God, in all distress
my hope is whole in thee :
Then let no shame my soul oppress,
nor once take hold on me.

2 As thou art just, defend me, Lord,
and rid me out of dread :
Give ear, and to my suit accord,
and send me help at need.

3 Be thou my rock, to whom I may
for aid all times resort :
Thy promise is to help alway,
thou art my fence and fort.

4 Save me, my God, from wicked men,
and from their strength and power :
From folk unjust, and eke from them
that cruelly devour.

5 Thou art the stay wherein I trust,
thou Lord of hosts art he :
Yea, from my youth I had a lust
still to depend on thee.

6 Thou hast me kept even from my birth,
and I through thee was born :
Wherefore I will thee praise with mirth,
both evening and at morn.

7 As to a monster seldom seen,
much folk about me throng :

But thou art now, and still hast been
my fence and aid so strong.

8 Wherefore my mouth no time shall lack
thy glory and thy praise :

And eke my tongue shall not be slack
to honour thee always.

9 Refuse me not, O Lord, I say,
when age my limbs doth take :

And when my strength doth waste away,
do not my soul forsake.

10 Among themselves my foes enquire
to take me through deceit :

And they against me do conspire,
that for my soul laid wait.

The second part.

11 Lay hand and take him now, they said,
for God from him is gone :

Dispatch him quite, for to his aid
(I wis) there cometh none.

12 Do not absent thy self away,
O Lord, when need shall be :

But that in time of grief thou may
in haste give help to me.

13 With shame confound and overthrow
all those that seek my life :

Oppress them with rebuke also,
that fain would work me strife.

14 But I will patiently abide
thy help at all assays :

Still more and more, each time and tide,
I will set forth thy praise.

15 My mouth thy justice shall record,
that daily help doth send :

But of thy benefits, O Lord,
I know no count nor end.

16 Yet will I go and seek forth one,
with thy good help, O God,

The saving health of thee alone
to shew and set abroad.

17 For of my youth thou took'st the care,
and dost instruct me still :

Therefore thy wonders to declare
I have great mind and will.

18 And as in youth from wanton rage
thou didst me keep and stay :

Forsake me not unto mine age,
and till my head be gray.

The third part.

19 That I thy strength and might may show
to them that now be here :

And that our seed thy power may know
hereafter many a year.

20 O Lord, thy justice doth exceed
thy doings all may see :

Thy works are wonderfull indeed,
oh who is like to thee !

21 Thou mad'st me feel affliction sore,
and yet thou didst me save :

Yea, thou didst help, and me restore,
and took'st me from the grave.

22 And thou mine honour dost increase,
my dignity mainrain :

Yea, thou dost make all grief to cease,
and comfort'st me again.

23 Therefore thy faithfulness to praise
I will with viol sing :

My harp shall sound thy praise always,
O Israels holy King.

24 My mouth will joy with pleasant voice
when I shall sing to thee :

And eke my soul will much rejoyce,
for thou hast made me free.

25 My tongue thy uprightness shall sound,
and speak it daily still :

For grief and shame do them confound
that seek to work me ill.

Dens, judicium. Psal. lxxii. J. H.

*Gods kingdom by Christ is represented by Solomon,
under whom shall be righteousness, peace, and felicity,
unto whom all kings and nations shall do homage,
whose name and power shall endure for ever.*

Lord, give thy judgement to the king,
therein instruct him well :

And with his son that princely thing,
Lord, let thy justice dwell.

2 That he may govern uprightly
and rule thy folk aright :

And so defend through equity
the poor that have no might.

3 And let the mountains that are high
unto thy folk give peace :

And eke let little hills apply,
in justice to increase.

4 That he may help the weak and poor
with aid, and make them strong :

And eke destroy for evermore
all those that do them wrong.

5 And then from age to age shall they
regard and fear thy might :

So long as sun doth shine by day,
or else the moon by night.

6 Lord, make the king unto the just
like rain to fields new mown :

And like to drops that lay the dust,
and fresh the land new sown.

7 The just shall flourish in his time,
and all shall be at peace,

Untill the moon shall leave to prime,
waste, change, and to increase.

8 He shall be lord of sea and land,
from shore to shore throughout :
And from the foulds within the land,
through all the earth about.

9 The people that in deserts dwell
shall kneel to him full thick :
And all his enemies that rebell
the earth and dust shall lick.

10 The lords of all the isles thereby
great gifts to him shall bring :
The kings of Saba and Araby
give many a costly thing.

The second part.

11 All kings shall seek with one accord
in his good grace to stand :
And all the people of the world
shall serve him at his hand.

12 For he the needy sort doth save
that unto him do call :
And eke the simple folk that have
no help of man at all.

13 He taketh pity on the poor
that are with need oppress :
He doth preserve them evermore,
and bring their souls to rest.

14 He shall redeem their lives from dread,
from fraud, from wrong, from might :
And eke the bloud that they shall bleed
is precious in his fight.

15 But he shall live, and they shall bring
to him of Saba's gold :
He shall be honour'd as a king,
and daily be extoll'd.

16 The mighty mountains of his land
of corn shall bear such throng,
That it like cedar-trees shall stand
in Libanus full long.

17 Their cities eke full well shall speed,
the fruits thereof shall pass :
In plenty it shall far exceed,
and spring as green as grass.

18 For ever they shall praise his Name,
while that the sun is light :
And think them happy through the same,
all folk shall blefs his might.

19 Praise ye the Lord of hosts and sing,
to Israels God each one :
For he doth every wondrous thing,
yea, he himself alone.

20 And blessed be his holy Name
all times eternally :
That all the earth may praise the same,
amen, amen, say I.

Quam bonus Deus. Psal. lxxlii. T. S.

David teacheth, that neither the prosperity of the ungodly, nor the afflictions of the good, ought to discourage Gods children, but rather move them to

consider Gods providence, and to reverence his judgements ; for that the wicked vanish away like smoke, and the godly enter into life everlasting : in hope whereof, he resigneth himself into Gods hands.

HOW ever it be, yet God is good
and kind to Israel :

And to all such as safely keep
their conscience pure and well.

2 Yet like a fool I almost slip,
my feet began to slide :
And e're I wist even at a pinch
my steps awry 'gan glide.

3 For when I saw such foolish men,
I grudg'd and did disdain
That wicked men all things should have
without turmoil or pain.

4 They never suffer pangs nor grief,
as if death should them smite :
Their bodies are both stout and strong,
and ever in good plight :

5 And free from all adversity
when other men be shent :
And with the rest they take no part
of plague or punishment.

6 Therefore presumption doth embrace
their necks as doth a chain :
And are even wrapt as in a robe,
with rapine and disdain.

7 They are so fed that even for fat
their eyes oft-times out start :
And as for worldly goods they have
more then can with their heart.

8 Their life is most licentious,
boasting much of the wrong
Which they have done to simple men,
and ever pride among.

9 The heavens and the living Lord
they spare not to blaspheme :
And prate they do of worldly things,
no wight they do esteem.

10 The people of God oft-times turn back
to see their prosp'rous state :
And almost drink the self-same cup,
and follow the same rate.

The second part.

11 How can it be that God, say they,
should know or understand
These worldly things, fith wicked men
be lords of sea and land ?

12 For we may see how wicked men
in riches still increase,
Rewarded well with worldly goods,
and live in rest and peace.

13 Then why do I from wickedness
my fantasie refrain,
And wash my hands with innocents,
and cleanse my heart in vain ?

- 14 And suffer scourges every day,
as subject to all blame :
And every morning from my youth
sustain rebuke and shame ?
- 15 And I had almost said as they,
misliking mine estate :
But that I should thy children judge
as folk unfortunate.
- 16 Then I bethought me how I might
this matter understand :
But yet the labour was too great
for me to take in hand :
- 17 Untill the time I went into
thine holy place, and then
I understood right perfectly
the end of all these men.
- 18 And namely, how thou settest them
upon a slippery place :
And at thy pleasure and thy will
thou dost them all deface.
- 19 Then all men muse at that strange fight,
to see how suddenly
They are destroy'd, dispatch'd, consum'd,
and dead so horribly.
- 20 Much like a dream when one awakes,
so shall their wealth decay :
Their famous names in all mens fight
shall ebb and pass away.

The third part.

- 21 Yet thus my heart was grieved then,
my mind was much oppress'd :
22 So fond was I and ignorant,
and in this point a beast.
- 23 Yet nevertheless by my right hand
thou hold'st me always fast :
- 24 And with thy counsel dost me guide
to glory at the last.
- 25 What thing is there that I can wish
but thee in heaven above ?
And in the earth there is nothing
like thee that I can love.
- 26 My flesh and eke my heart doth fail,
but God doth fail me never :
For of my health God is the strength,
my portion eke for ever.
- 27 And lo, all such as thee forsake
thou shalt destroy each one :
And those that trust in any thing
saying in thee alone.
- 28 Therefore will I draw near to God,
and ever with him dwell :
In God alone I put my trust,
thy wonders I will tell.

Ut quid, Deus. Psal. lxxiv. J. H.

*A complaint of the destruction of the Church and
true religion, under the name of Sion, and the al-*

*tars destroyed. But trusting in the might and free
mercies of God by his covenant, he requireth help
and succour, to the glory of his Name, the salvati-
on of his poor afflicted servants, and the confusion
of his proud enemies.*

Why art thou, Lord, so long from us
in all this danger deep ?

Why doth thine anger kindle thus
at thine own pasture sheep ?

2 Lord, call the people to thy thought
which have been thine so long,
The which thou hast redeem'd and brought
from bondage sore and strong.

3 Have mind therefore and think upon,
remember it full well,

Thy pleasant place, thy mount Sion,
where thou wast wont to dwell.

4 Lift up thy feet and come in haste,
and all thy foes deface :

Which now at pleasure rob and waste
within thy holy place.

5 Amid thy congregations all
thine enemies roar, O God :

They set as signs on every wall
their banners splaid abroad.

6 As men with axes hew down trees
that on the hills do grow :

So shine the bills and swords of these
within thy temple now.

7 The cieling saw'd, the carved boards,
the goodly graven stones,

With axes, hammers, bills, and swords
they beat them down at once.

8 Thy places they consume with flame,
and eke in all this toil

The house appointed to thy Name
they rase down to the soil.

9 And thus they say within their heart,
Dispatch them out of hand :

Then burnt they up in every part
Gods houses through the land.

10 Yet thou no sign of help dost send,
our prophets all are gone :

To tell when this our plague shall end
among us there is none.

11 When wilt thou, Lord, once end this shame
and cease thine enemies strong ?

Shall they always blaspheme thy Name,
and rail on thee so long ?

12 Why dost thou draw thine hand a back
and hide it in thy lap ?

Oh pluck it out, and be not slack
to give thy foes a rap.

The second part.

13 O God, thou art our King and Lord,
and evermore hast been :

Yea, thy good grace throughout the world
for our good help hath seen.

- 14 The ſeas that are ſo deep and dead,
thy might did make them dry :
And thou didſt break the ſerpents head,
that he therein did die.
- 15 Yea, thou didſt break the heads ſo great
of whales that are ſo fell :
And gav'ſt them to the folk to eat
that in the deſerts dwell.
- 16 Thou mad'ſt a ſpring with ſtreams to riſe
from rock both hard and high :
And eke thy hand hath made likewise
deep rivers to be dry.
- 17 Both day and eke the night are thine,
by thee they were begun :
Thou ſett'ſt to ſerve us with their ſhine,
the light and eke the ſun.
- 18 Thou didſt appoint the ends and coaſts
of all the earth about :
Both ſummer-heats, and winter-froſts,
thy hand hath found them out.
- 19 Think on, O Lord, no time forget
thy foes that thee defame :
And how the fooliſh folk are ſet
to rail upon thy Name.
- 20 O let no cruel beaſts devour
thy turtle that is true :
Forget not always in thy power
the poor that much do rue.
- 21 Regard thy covenant, and behold,
thy foes poſſeſs the land :
All ſad and dark, forworn and old
our realm as now doth ſtand.
- 22 Let not the ſimple go away,
nor yet return with ſhame :
But let the poor and needy ay
give praiſe unto thy Name.
- 23 Riſe, Lord, let be by thee maintain'd
the cauſe that is thine own :
Remember how that thou blaſphem'd
art by the fooliſh one.
- 24 The voice forget not of thy foes,
for the preſumption high
Is more and more increaſt of thoſe
that hate thee ſpightfully.

Confitebimur tibi. Pſal. lxxv. J. H.

*The faithfull praiſe the Lord, who ſhall come to judge
at his time, when the wicked ſhall drink the cup
of his wrath ; but the righteous ſhall be exalted to
honour.*

UNto thee, God, will we give thanks,
we will give thanks to thee :
Sith thy name is ſo near, declare
thy wondrous works will we.
2 I will uprightly judge when get
convenient time I may :
The earth is weak, and all therein,
but I her pillars ſtay.

- 3 I did to the mad people ſay,
Deal not ſo furiously ;
And unto the ungodly ones,
Set not your horns on high :
- 4 I ſaid unto them, Set not up
your raiſed horns on high ;
And ſee that you do with ſtiſt neck
not ſpeak preſumptuouſly.
- 5 For neither from the eaſtern parts,
nor from the weſtern ſide,
Nor from forſaken wilderneſs,
promotion doth proceed.
- 6 For why ? the Lord our God he is
the righteous Judge alone :
He putteth down the one, and ſets
another in the throne.
- 7 For why ? a cup of mighty wine
is in the hand of God :
And all the mighty wine therein
himſelf doth pour abroad.
- 8 As for the lees and filthy dregs
that do remain of it,
The wicked of the earth ſhall drink
and ſuck them every whit.
- 9 But I will talk of God, I ſay,
of Jacobs God therefore :
And will not ceaſe to celebrate
his praiſe for evermore.
- 10 In ſunder break the horns of all
ungodly men will I :
But then the horns of righteous men
ſhall be exalted high.

Gloria Patri.

To Father, Son, and holy Ghoſt
all glory be therefore :
As in beginning was, is now,
and ſhall be evermore.

In Judaa. Pſal. lxxvi. J. H.

*Here is deſcribed the power of God, and care for the
defence of his people, by the deſtruction of Sena-
cheribs army, for which the faithfull are exhorted
to be thankfull.*

TO all that now in Jewry dwell
the Lord is clearly known :
His name is great in Iſrael,
a people of his own.

2 At Salem he his tents hath pight,
to tarry there a ſpace :
In Sion eke he hath delight
to make his dwelling-place.

3 And there he brake both ſhaft and bowe,
the ſword, the ſpear, and ſhield :
And brake the ray to overthrow
in battel on the field.

- 4 Thou art more worthy honour, Lord,
more might in thee doth lie,
Then in the strongest of the world,
that rob on mountains high.
- 5 But now the proud are spoil'd through thee,
and they are fall'n on sleep:
Through men of war no help can be,
themselves they could not keep.
- 6 At thy rebuke, O Jacobs God,
when thou didst them reprove:
As half on sleep their chariots stood,
no horsemen once did move.
- 7 For thou art dreadfull, Lord, indeed;
what man the courage hath
To bide thy sight, and doth not dread
when thou art in thy wrath?
- 8 When thou dost make thy judgements heard
from heaven through the ground,
Then all the earth full sore afraid
in silence shall be found.
- 9 And that when thou, O God, dost stand
in judgement for to speak,
To save th' afflicted of the land,
on earth that are full weak.
- 10 The fury that in man doth reign
shall turn unto thy praise:
Hereafter, Lord, do thou restrain
their wrath and threats always.
- 11 Make vows and pay them to our God,
ye folk that nigh him be:
Bring gifts all ye that dwell abroad,
for dreadfull sure is he.
- 12 For he doth take both life and might
from princes great of birth:
And full of terroure is his sight
to all the kings on earth.

Voce meâ. Psal. lxxvii. J. H.

David rehearseth his great afflictions, and grievous temptations, whereby he is driven to consider his former conversation, and the course of Gods works, in the preservation of his servants, and so he confirmeth his faith against these temptations.

- I** With my voice to God do cry
with heart and hearty cheer:
My voice to God I lift on high,
and he my suit doth hear.
- 2 In time of grief I sought to God,
by night no rest I took:
But strecht my hands to him abroad,
my soul comfort forsook.
- 3 When I to think on God intend,
my trouble then is more:
I spake, but could not make an end,
my breath was stop't so sore.
- 4 Thou hold'st mine eyes always from rest,
that I always awake:
With fear I am so sore oppress'd,
my speech doth me forsake.

- 5 The days of old in mind I cast,
and oft did think upon
The times and ages that are past
full many years ago.
- 6 By night my songs I call to mind,
once made thy praise to show:
And with my heart much talk I find,
my spirits do search to know.
- 7 Will God, said I, at once for all
cast off his people thus,
So that henceforth no time he shall
be friendly unto us?
- 8 What? is his goodness clean decay'd
for ever and a day?
Or is his promise now delay'd,
and doth his truth decay?
- 9 And will the Lord our God forget
his mercies manifold?
Or shall his wrath increase so hot,
his mercies to withhold?
- 10 At last I said, My weakness is
the cause of this mistrust:
Gods mighty hand can help all this,
and change it when he lust.

The second part.

- 11 I will regard and think upon
the working of the Lord:
Of all his wonders past and gone
I gladly will record.
- 12 Yea, all his works I will declare,
and what he did devise:
To tell his facts I will not spare,
and eke his counsel wise.
- 13 Thy works, O Lord, are all upright,
and holy all abroad:
What one hath strength to match the might
of thee, O Lord our God?
- 14 Thou art a God that dost foreshow
thy wonders every hour:
And so dost make the people know
thy vertue and thy power.
- 15 And thine own folk thou dost defend
with strength and stretched arm,
The sons of Jacob that descend,
and Josephs seed from harm.
- 16 The waters, Lord, perceived thee,
the waters saw thee well:
And they for fear away did flee,
the depths on trembling fell.
- 17 The clouds that were both thick and black,
did rain full plenteously:
The thunder in the air did crack,
thy shafts abroad did fly.
- 18 Thy thunder in the air was heard,
thy lightnings from above
With flashes great made men afraid,
the earth did quake and move.
- 19 Thy ways within the sea do lie,
thy paths in waters deep:

Yet none can there thy ſteps eſpy,
nor know thy paths to keep.
20 Thou ledd'ſt thy folk upon the land
as ſheep on every ſide :
Through Moſes and through Aarons hand
thou didſt them ſafely guide.

Attendite populi. Pſal. lxxviii. J. H.

He ſheweth how God of his mercy choſe his Church of the poſterity of Abraham, caſting in their teeth the rebellion of their fathers, that their children might acknowledge Gods free mercies, and be aſhamed of their perverſe anceſtors. The holy Ghoſt hath comprehended, as it were, the ſum of all Gods benefits, that the groſſ people might ſee in few words the effect of the whole hiſtory.

Attend my people to my law,
and to my words incline :
2 My mouth ſhall ſpeak ſtrange parables,
and ſentences divine.
3 Which we our ſelves have heard and learn'd
even of our fathers old ;
And which for our inſtruction
our fathers have us told.
4 Becauſe we ſhould not keep it cloſe
from them that ſhould come after :
Who ſhould Gods power to their race praiſe,
and all his works of wonder.
5 To Jacob he commandment gave
how Iſrael ſhould live,
Willing our fathers ſhould the ſame
unto their children give.
6 That they and their poſterity
that were not ſprung up tho,
Should have the knowledge of the law,
and teach their ſeed alſo.
7 That they might have the better hope
in God that is above :
And not forget to keep his laws
and his precepts in love.
8 Not being as their fathers were,
rebelliſh in Gods ſight :
And would not frame their wicked hearts
to know their God aright.
9 How went the people of Ephraim
their neighbours for to ſpoil :
Shooting their darts the day of war,
and yet they took the ſoil ?
10 For why ? they did not keep with God
the covenant that was made,
Nor yet would walk or lead their lives
according to his trade :
11 But put into oblivion
his counſel and his will,
And all his works moſt magnifick,
which he declared ſtill.

The ſecond part.

12 What wonders to our forefathers
did he himſelf diſcloſe

In Egypt land within the field
that call'd is Thaneos ?

13 He did divide and cut the ſea,
that they might paſs at once :
And made the waters ſtand as ſtill
as doth an heap of ſtones.
14 He led them ſecret in a cloud
by day when it was bright :
And in the night when dark it was,
with fire he gave them light.
15 He brake the rocks in wilderneſs,
and gave the people drink :
As plentiful as when the deeps
do flow up to the brink.
16 He drew out rivers out of rocks
that were both dry and hard,
Of ſuch abundance, that no floods
to them might be compar'd.
17 Yet for all this againſt the Lord
their ſin they did increaſe :
And ſtirred him that is moſt high
to wrath in wilderneſs.
18 They tempted God within their hearts,
like people of miſtruſt ;
Requiring ſuch a kind of meat
as ſerved to their luſt :
19 Saying with murmuration
in their unfaithfulneſs,
What ? can this God prepare for us
a feaſt in wilderneſs ?
20 Behold, he ſtrake the ſtony rock,
and floods forthwith did flow :
But can he now give to his folk
both bread and fleſh alſo ?
21 When God heard this, he waxed wroth
with Jacob and his ſeed :
So did his indignation
on Iſrael proceed.

The third part.

22 Becauſe they did not faithfully
beleeve, and hope that he
Could always help and ſuccour them
in their neceſſity.
23 Wherefore he did command the clouds,
forthwith they brake in ſunder :
24 And rain'd down manna for them to eat,
a food of mickle wonder.
25 When earthly men with angels food
were fed at their requeſt,
26 He bad the eaſt-wind blow away,
and brought in the ſouth-weſt.
27 He rain'd down fleſh as thick as duſt,
and fowl as thick as ſand :
28 Which he did caſt amid the place
where all their tents did ſtand.
29 Then did they eat exceedingly,
and all men had their fills :
Yet more and more they did deſire
to ſerve their luſts and wills.

30 But as the meat was in their mouths,
his wrath upon them fell,
31 And slew the flower of all their youth,
and choice of Israel.
32 Yet fell they to their wonted sin,
and still they did him grieve :
For all the wonders that he wrought,
they would him not believe.
33 Their days therefore he shortened,
and made their honour vain :
Their years did waste and pass away
with terrour and with pain.
34 But ever when he plagued them,
they sought him by and by,
35 Remembring that he was their strength,
their help, and God most high.
36 Though in their mouths they did but glose
and flatter with the Lord :
And with their tongues and in their hearts
dissembled every word.

The fourth part.

37 For why? their hearts were nothing bent
to him nor to his trade :
Nor yet to keep or to perform
the covenant that was made.
38 Yet was he still so mercifull,
when they deserv'd to die,
That he forgave them their misdeeds,
and would not them destroy.
Yea, many a time he turn'd his wrath,
and did himself advise :
And would not suffer all his whole
displeasure to arise.
39 Considering that they were but flesh,
and even as a wind
That passeth away, and cannot well
return by his own kind.
40 How oftentimes in wilderness
did they the Lord provoke !
How did they move and stir the Lord
to plague them with his stroke !
41 Yet did they turn again to sin,
and tempted God oftsoon,
Prescribing to the holy Lord
what things they would have done.
42 Not thinking of his hand and power,
nor of the day when he
Delivered them out of the hands
of the fierce enemy.
43 Nor how he wrought his miracles
(as they themselves beheld)
In Egypt, and the wonders that
he did in Zoan field.
44 Nor how he turned by his power
their waters into bloud :
That no man might receive his drinke
at river nor at fount.

45 Nor how he sent them swarms of flies,
which did them sore annoy :
And fill'd their countrey full of frogs,
which did their land destroy.

The fifth part.

46 Nor how he did commit their fruits
unto the caterpillar :
And all the labour of their hands
he gave to the grasshopper.
47 With hailstones he destroy'd their vines,
so that they were all lost :
And not so much as wild fig-trees,
but he consum'd with frost.
48 And yet with hailstones once again
the Lord their cattel smote,
And all their flocks and herds likewise
with thunder-bolts full hot.
49 He cast upon them in his ire
and in his fury strong,
Displeasure, wrath, and evil spirits,
to trouble them among.
50 Then to his wrath he made a way,
and spared not the least :
But gave unto the pestilence
the man and eke the beast.
51 He strake also the first-born all
that up in Egypt came :
And all the chief of men and beasts
within the tents of Ham.
52 But as for all his own dear folk,
he did preserve and keep :
And carried them through wilderness,
even like a flock of sheep.
53 Without all fear both safe and sound
he brought them out of thrall :
Whereas their foes with rage of seas
were overwhelmed all.
54 And brought them out into the coasts
of his own holy land,
Even to the mount which he had got
by his strong arm and hand.
55 And there cast out the heathen folk,
and did their land divide :
And in their tents he set the tribes
of Israel to abide.
56 Yet for all this, their God most high
they stirr'd and tempted still,
And would not keep his testament,
nor yet obey his will.
57 But as their fathers turned back,
even so they went astray,
Much like a bowe that would not bend,
but slip and start away.

The sixth part.

58 And griev'd him with their hill-altars,
with off'rings and with fire :
And with their idols vehemently
provoked him to ire.

59 Therewith his wrath began again
to kindle in his brest :
The naughtiness of Israel
he did so much detest.
60 Then he forsook the tabernacle
of Silo, where he was
Right conversant with earthly men,
even as his dwelling-place.
61 Then suffered he his might and power
in bondage for to stand,
And gave the honour of his ark
into his enemies hand.
62 And did commit them to the sword,
wroth with his heritage :
63 Their young men were devour'd with fire,
maids had no marriage.
64 And with the sword the priests also
did perish every one :
And not a widow left alive
their death for to bemone.
65 And then the Lord began to wake
like one that slept a time,
And like a valiant man of war
refreshed after wine.
66 With emerods in the hinder parts
he strake his enemies all :
And put them then unto a shame
that was perpetual.
67 Then he the tent and tabernacle
of Joseph did refuse :
As for the tribe of Ephraim,
he would in no wise chuse :
68 But chose the tribe of Jehuda,
whereas he thought to dwell :
Even the noble mount Sion;
which he did love so well.
69 Whereas he did his temple build
both sumptuously and sure,
Like as the earth which he hath made
for ever to endure.
70 Then chose he David him to serve,
his people for to keep ;
Whom he took up and brought away
even from the folds of sheep.
71 As he did follow th' ewes with young,
the Lord did him advance
To feed his people Israel
and his inheritance.
72 Thus David with a faithfull heart
his flock and charge did feed,
And prudently with all his power
did govern them indeed.

Deus, venerunt. Psal. lxxix. J. H.

The Israelites complain to God for the calamities that they suffered, when Antiochus destroyed their temple and city, desiring aid against his tyranny, lest

God and religion should be contemned by the heathen, who should see them forsaken and perish.

O God, the Gentiles do invade
thine heritage to spoil :
Jerusalem an heap is made,
thy temple they defile.
2 The bodies of thy saints most dear
abroad to birds they cast :
The flesh of them that do thee fear,
the beasts devour and waste.
3 Their blood throughout Jerusalem
as water spilt they have :
So that there is not one of them
to lay their dead in grave.
4 Thus are we made a laughing-stock
almost the world throughout :
The enemies at us jest and mock
which dwell our coasts about.
5 Wilt thou, O Lord, thus in thine ire
against us ever fume,
And shew thy wrath as hot as fire,
thy folk for to consume ?
6 Upon those people pour the same,
which did thee never know :
All realms which call not on thy Name,
consume and overthrow.
7 For they have got the upper hand,
and Jacobs seed destroy'd :
His habitation and his land
they have left waste and void.
8 Bear not in mind our former faults,
with speed some pity shew :
And aid us, Lord, in all assaults,
for we are weak and low.

The second part:

9 O God that giv'st all health and grace,
on us declare the same :
Weigh not our works, our sins deface,
for honour of thy Name.
10 Why shall the wicked still alway,
to us as people dumb,
In thy reproach rejoyce, and say,
Where is their God become ?
Require, O Lord, as thou see'st good,
before our eyes in sight,
Of all these folk thy servants bloud
which they spilt in despight.
11 Receive into thy sight in haste
the clamours, grief, and wrong
Of such as are in prison cast,
sustaining irons strong.
Thy force and strength to celebrate,
Lord, set them out of band
Which unto death are destinate,
and in their enemies hand.

- 12 The nations which have been so bold
as to blaspheme thy Name,
Into their laps with seven-fold
repay again the same.
- 13 So we thy flock and pasture-sheep
will praise thee evermore,
And teach all ages for to keep
for thee like praise in store.

Qui regis Israel. Psal. lxxx. J. H.

A lamentable prayer to God, to help the miseries of the Church, desiring him to consider the first estate, when his favour shined towards them, that he might finish that work which he began.

- T**Hou Herd that Israel dost keep,
give ear and take good heed:
Which ledest Joseph like a sheep,
and dost him watch and feed.
- 2 Thou Lord, I say, whose seat is set
on cherubims most bright,
Shew forth thy self and do not let,
send down thy beams of light.
- 3 Before Ephraim and Benjamin,
Manasses eke likewise,
To shew thy power do thou begin;
come help us, Lord, arise.
- 4 Direct our hearts unto thy grace,
convert us, Lord, to thee:
Shew us the brightness of thy face,
and then full safe are we.
- 5 Lord God of hosts of Israel,
how long wilt thou (I say)
Against thy folk in anger swell,
and wilt not hear them pray?
- 6 Thou dost them feed with sorrows deep,
their bread with tears they eat,
And drink the tears that they do weep,
in measure full and great.
- 7 Thou hast us made a very strife
to those that dwell about:
And that our foes do love alive,
they laugh and jest it out.
- 8 O take us, Lord, unto thy grace,
convert our hearts to thee:
Shew forth to us thy joyfull face,
and we full safe shall be.
- 9 From Egypt where it grew not well
thou brought'st a vine full dear:
The heathen folk thou didst expell,
and thou didst plant it there.
- 10 Thou didst prepare for it a place,
and set her roots full fast:
That it did grow and spring apace,
and fill'd the land at last.

The second part.

- 11 The hills were covered round about
with shade that from it came,

And eke the cedars strong and stout,
with branches of the same.

- 12 Why then didst thou her walls destroy?
her hedge pluckt up thou hast:
That all the folk that pass thereby
thy vine may spoil and waste.
- 13 The boar out of the wood so wilde
doth dig and root it out:
The furious beasts out of the field
devour it all about.
- 14 O Lord of hosts, return again,
from heaven look betime:
Behold, and with thy help sustain
this poor vineyard of thine.
- 15 Thy plant, I say, thine Israel,
whom thy right hand hath set:
The same which thou didst love so well,
O Lord, do not forget.
- 16 They lop and cut it down apace,
they burn it eke with fire:
And through the frowning of thy face
we perish in thine ire.
- 17 Let thy right hand be with them now
whom thou hast kept so long:
And with the Son of man whom thou
to thee hast made so strong.
- 18 And so when thou hast set us free,
and saved us from shame:
Then will we never fall from thee,
but call upon thy Name.
- 19 O Lord of hosts, through thy good grace
convert us unto thee:
Behold us with a pleasant face,
and then full safe are we.

Deo exultate. Psal. lxxxi. J. H.

An exhortation to praise God both in heart and voice for his benefits, and to worship him onely. God condemneth their ingratitude, and sheweth what great benefit they have lost through their malice.

- B**E light and glad, in God rejoyce,
which is our strength and stay:
Be joyfull and lift up your voice
to Jacobs God, I say.
- 2 Prepare your instruments most meet,
some joyfull psalm to sing:
Strike up with harp and lute so sweet,
on every pleasant string.
- 3 Blow as it were in the new-moon,
with trumpets of the best:
As it is used to be done
at any solemn feast.
- 4 For this is unto Israel
a statute and a trade:
A law that must be kept full well,
which Jacobs God hath made.
- 5 This clause with Joseph was decreed
when he from Egypt came,

That

That as a witneſs all his ſeed
ſhould ſtill obſerve the ſame.

6 When God, I ſay, had ſo prepar'd
to bring him from that land :
Whereas the ſpeech which he had heard
he did not underſtand.

7 I from his ſhoulders took (ſaith he)
the burden clean away :
And from the furnace quit him free
from burning brick of clay.
8 When thou in grief didſt cry and call,
I help thee by and by :
And I did answer thee withall
in thunder ſecretly.

9 Yea, at the waters of diſcord
I did thee tempt and prove :
Whereas the goodneſs of the Lord
with muttering thou didſt move.

10 Hear, O my folk, O Iſrael,
and I aſſure it thee :
Regard and mark my words full well,
if thou wilt cleave to me.

The ſecond part.

11 Thou ſhalt no god in thee reſerye
of any land abroad :

Nor in no wiſe to bow or ſerve
a ſtrange or foreign god.

12 I am the Lord thy God, and I
from Egypt ſet thee free :
Then ask of me abundantly,
and I will give it thee.

13 And yet my people would not hear
my voice when that I ſpake :
Nor Iſrael would not obey,
but did me quite forſake.

14 Then did I leave them to their will,
in hardneſs of their heart :
To walk in their own counſels ſtill,
themſelves they might pervert

15 O that my people would have heard
the words that I did ſay :
And eke that Iſrael would regard
to walk within my way !

16 How ſoon would I confound their foes,
and bring them down full low :
And turn my hand upon all thoſe
that would them overthrow !

17 And they that at the Lord do rage,
as ſlaves ſhould ſeek him till :
But of his folk the time and age
ſhould flouriſh ever ſtill.

18 I would have fed them with the crop
and fineſt of the wheat :
And made the rock with honey drop,
that they their fills ſhould eat.

Deus ſtetit. Pſal. lxxxii. J. H.

David declaring God to be preſent with judges and magiſtrates, reproveth their partiality and unrighteouſneſs, and exhorteth them to do juſtice : but ſeeing no amendment, he deſireth God to do juſtice himſelf.

A Mid the preaſs with men of might
the Lord himſelf doth ſtand,
To plead the cauſe of truth and right,
with judges of the land.
2 How long, ſaid he, will you proceed
false judgement to award,
And have reſpect for love of meed
the wicked to regard ?

3 Whereas of due you ſhould defend
the fatherleſs and weak,
And when the poor man doth contend,
in judgement juſtly ſpeak.

4 If ye be wiſe, defend the cauſe
of poor men in their right :
And rid the needy from the claws
of tyrants force and might.

5 But nothing will they know or learn,
in vain to them I talk :
They will not ſee or ought diſcern,
but ſtill in darkneſs walk.

6 For lo, even now the time is come
that all things fall to nought :
And likewise laws both all and ſome
for gain are ſold and bought.

I had decreed it in my ſight
as gods to take you all :
And children to the moſt of might
for love I did you call.

7 But notwithstanding ye ſhall die
as men, and ſo decay :
O tyrants, I ſhall you deſtroy,
and pluck you quite away.

8 Up Lord, and let thy ſtrength be known,
and judge the world with might :
For why ? all nations are thine own
to take them as thy right.

Deus, quid. Pſal. lxxxiii. J. H.

The Iſraelites pray the Lord to deliver them from their enemies, both at home, and far off : alſo that all ſuch wicked people be ſtricken with his ſtormy tempeſts, that they may know his power.

DO not, O God, refrain thy tongue,
in ſilence do not ſtay :
Withhold not, Lord, thy ſelf ſo long,
and make no more delay.

2 For why ? behold thy foes, and ſee
how they do rage and cry :
And thoſe that bear an hate to thee
hold up their heads on high.

- 3 Against thy folk they use deceit,
and craftily they enquire:
For thine elect to lie in wait
their counsel do conspire.
- 4 Come on, say they, let us expell
and pluck these folk away:
So that the name of Israel
may utterly decay.
- 5 They all conspire within their heart
how they may thee withstand:
Against the Lord to take a part
they are in league and band.
- 6 The tents of all the Edomites,
the Ismaelites also:
The Hagarenes and Moabites,
with divers other mo.
- 7 Gebal with Ammon, and likewise
doth Amalek conspire:
The Philistines against thee rise,
with them that dwell at Tyre.
- 8 And Assur eke is well appaid
with them in league to be:
And doth become a fence and aid
to Lots posterity.
- 9 As thou didst to the Midianites,
to serve them, Lord, each one:
As to Sifer, and to Jabin,
beside the brook Kison.
- 10 Whom thou in Endor didst destroy,
and waste them through thy might:
That they like dung on earth did lie,
and that in open sight.

The second part.

- 11 Make them now and their lords appear
like Zeb and Oreb than:
As Zebah and Zalmana were,
the kings of Midian.
- 12 Which said, Let us throughout the land
in all the coasts abroad,
Possess and take into our hand
the fair houses of God.
- 13 Turn them, O God, with storms as fast
as wheels that have no stay:
Or like the chaff which men do cast
with winds to fly away.
- 14 Like as the fire with rage and fume
the mighty forrests spills;
And as the flame doth quite consume
the mountains and the hills:
- 15 So let the tempest of thy wrath
upon their necks be laid:
And of thy stormy wind and showre,
Lord, make them all afraid.
- 16 Lord, bring them all, I thee desire,
to such rebuke and shame,
That it may cause them to enquire,
and learn to seek thy Name.

- 17 And let them evermore daily
to shame and slander fall:
And in rebuke and obloquy
to perish eke withall.
- 18 That they may know and feel full well
that thou art called Lord:
And that alone thou dost excell,
and reign throughout the world.

Quam dilecta. Psal. lxxxiv. J. H.

David exiled his country, desireth ardently to return to Gods tabernacle, and assembly of the saints, to praise God: then he praiseth the courage of the people, that pass through the wilderness to assemble themselves in Sion.

- H**ow pleasant is thy dwelling-place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
The tabernacles of thy grace
how pleasant (Lord) they be!
- 2 My soul doth long full sore to go
into thy courts abroad:
My heart doth lust, my flesh also,
in thee the living God.
- 3 The sparrows find a room to rest
and save themselves from wrong,
And eke the swallow hath a nest
wherein to keep her young.
- 4 These birds full nigh thine altar may
have place to sit and sing:
O Lord of hosts, thou art, I say,
my God and eke my King.
- 5 O they be blessed that may dwell
within thy house always:
For they all times thy facts do tell,
and ever give thee praise.
- 6 Yea, happy sure likewise are they,
whose stay and strength thou art:
Which to thy house do mind the way,
and seek it in their heart.
- As they go through the vale of tears,
they dig up fountains still;
That as a spring it all appears,
and thou their pits dost fill.
- 7 From strength to strength they walk full fast,
no faintness there shall be:
And so the God of gods at last
in Sion they do see.
- 8 O Lord of hosts, to me give heed,
and hear when I do pray:
And let it through thine ears proceed,
O Jacobs God, I say.
- 9 O Lord our shield, of thy good grace
regard, and so draw near:
Regard, I say, behold the face
of thine anointed dear.
- 10 For why? within thy courts one day
is better to abide,
Then other-where to keep or stay
a thousand days beside.

Much rather would I keep a doore
within the house of God,
Then in the tents of wickedness
to settle mine abode.

11 For God the Lord, light and defence,
will grace and worship give:

And no good thing will he withhold
from them that purely live.

12 O Lord of hosts, that man is blest
and happy sure is he,
That is perswaded in his brest
to trust all times in thee.

Benedixisti. Psal. lxxxv. J. H.

*Because God withdrew not his rod from his Church
after the return from Babylon, first, they put him
in mind that he should not leave the work of his
grace imperfect, and complain of their long affli-
ction; then they rejoyce in hope of promised deli-
verance, which was a figure of Christs kingdom,
under wh. ch should be perfect felicity.*

Thou hast been mercifull indeed,
O Lord, unto thy land:
For thou restoredst Jacobs seed
from thralldom out of band.

2 The wicked ways that they were in,
thou didst them clean remit:
And thou didst hide thy peoples sin,
full close thou coveredst it.

3 Thine anger eke thou didst assuage,
that all thy wrath was gone:
And so didst turn thee from thy rage,
with them to be at one.

4 O God our health, do now convert
thy people unto thee:
Put all thy wrath from us apart,
and angry cease to be.

5 Why, shall thine anger never end,
but still proceed on us?
And shall thy wrath it self extend
upon all ages thus?

6 Wilt thou not rather turn therefore
and quicken us, that we
And all thy folk may evermore
be glad and joy in thee?

7 O Lord, on us do thou declare
thy goodness to our wealth:
Shew forth to us, and do not spare,
thine aid and saving health.

8 I will heark what God saith, for he
speaks to his people peace,
And to his saints, that never they
return to foolishness.

9 For why? his help is still at hand
to such as do him fear:
Whereby great glory in our land
shall dwell and flourish there.

10 For truth and mercy there shall meet,
in one to take their place:
And peace shall justice with kiss greet,
and there they shall embrace.

11 As truth from earth shall spring apace,
and flourish pleasantly:

So righteousness shall shew her face,
and look from heaven high.

12 Yea, God himself doth take in hand
to give us each good thing:
And through the coasts of all the land
the earth her fruit shall bring.

13 Before his face shall justice go
much like a guide or stay:
He shall direct his steps also,
and keep them in the way.

Inclina, Domine. Psal. lxxxvi. J. H.

*David sore afflicted, prayeth fervently for deliver-
ance, sometime rehearsing his miseries and mer-
cies received, desiring also to be instructed of the
Lord, that he may fear and glorifie his Name: he
complaineth also of his adversaries, and requireth
to be delivered from them.*

Lord, bow thine ear to my request,
and hear me by and by:
With grievous pain and grief oppressed,
full poor and weak am I.

2 Preserve my soul, because my ways
and doings holy be:
And save thy servant, O my Lord,
that puts his trust in thee.

3 Thy mercy, Lord, on me express,
defend me eke withall:
For through the day I do not cease
on thee to cry and call.

4 Comfort, O Lord, thy servants soul
that now with pain is pin'd:
For unto thee, Lord, I extoll
and lift my soul and mind.

5 For thou art good and bountifull,
thy gifts of grace are free:
And eke thy mercy plentiful
to all that call on thee.

6 O Lord, likewise when I do pray,
regard and give an ear:
Mark well the words that I do say,
and all my prayers hear.

7 In time when trouble doth me move,
to thee I do complain:
For why? I know and well do prove
thou answerest me again.

8 Among the gods, O Lord, is none
with thee to be compar'd:
And none can do as thou alone,
the like hath not been heard.

The second part.

- 9 The Gentiles and the people all
which thou didst make and frame,
Before thy face on knees shall fall
and glorifie thy Name.
- 10 For why? thou art so much of might,
all power is thine own:
Thou workest wonders still in sight,
for thou art God alone.
- 11 O teach me, Lord, thy way, and I
shall in thy truth proceed:
O joyn my heart to thee so nigh
that I thy Name may dread.
- 12 To thee my God will I give praise
with all my heart, O Lord:
And glorifie thy Name always
for ever through the world.
- 13 For why? thy mercy shew'd to me
is great, and doth excell:
Thou sett'st my soul at liberty
out from the lower hell.
- 14 O Lord, the proud against me rise,
and heaps of men of might:
They seek my soul, and in no wise
will have thee in their sight.
- 15 Thou, Lord, art mercifull and meek,
full slack and slow to wrath:
Thy goodness is full great, and eke
thy truth no measure hath.
- 16 O turn to me, and mercy grant,
thy strength to me apply:
O help and save thine own servant,
thy hand-maids son am I.
- 17 On me some sign of favour show,
that all my foes may see
And be asham'd, because, Lord, thou
dost help and comfort me.

Fundamenta. Psal. lxxxvii. J. H.

The holy Ghost promisseth, that the Church, as yet in misery, after the captivity of Babylon, should be restored to great excellency, so that nothing should be more comfortable, then to be numbred among the members thereof.

That city shall full well endure,
her ground-work still doth stay
Upon the holy hills full sure,
it can no time decay.

- 2 God loves the gates of Sion best,
his grace doth there abide:
He loves them more then all the rest
of Jacobs tents beside.
- 3 Full glorious things reported be
in Sion, and abroad:
Great things, I say, are said of thee,
thou city of our God.
- 4 On Rahab I will cast an eye,
and bear in mind the same:

- And Babylon shall eke apply
and learn to know my Name.
- 5 Lo, Palestine and Tyre also,
with Ethiopie likewise,
A people old, full long ago
were born, and there did rise.
- 6 Of Sion they shall say abroad,
that divers men of fame
Have there sprung up, and the high God
hath founded fast the same.
- 7 In their records to them it shall
through Gods device appear,
Of Sion, that the chief of all
had his beginning there.
- 8 The trumpeters with such as sing,
there in great plenty be:
My fountains and my pleasant springs
are compast all in thee.

Domine Deus. Psal. lxxxviii. J. H.

The faithfull sore afflicted by sickness, persecution, adversity, and as it were left of God without any consolation; yet calleth on God by faith, and striveth against desperation.

- L**ord God of health, the hope and stay
thou art alone to me:
I call and cry throughout the day
and all the night to thee.
- 2 O let my prayer soon ascend
unto thy sight on high:
Incline thine ear, O Lord, attend
and hearken to my cry.
- 3 For why? with wo my heart is fill'd,
and doth in trouble dwell:
My life and breath almost doth yield,
and draweth nigh to hell.
- 4 I am esteem'd as one of them
that in the pit do fall:
And made as one among those men
that have no strength at all.
- 5 As one among the dead, and free
from things that here remain:
It were more ease for me to be
with them the which are slain:
- 6 As those that lie in grave, I say,
whom thou hast clean forgot:
The which thy hand hath cut away,
and thou regard'st them not.
- 7 Yea, like to one shut up full sure
within the lower pit,
In places dark and all obscure,
and in the depth of it.
- 8 Thine anger and thy wrath likewise
full sore on me doth lie:
And all thy storms against me rise,
my soul to vex and try.
- 9 Thou putt'st my friends far off from me,
and mak'st them hate me sore:

I am shut up in prison fast,
and can come forth no more.
10 My sight doth fail through grief and wo,
I call to thee, O God:
Throughout the day my hands also
to thee I stretch abroad.

The second part.

11 Dost thou unto the dead declare
thy wondrous works of fame?
Shall dead to life again repair,
and praise thee for the same?
12 Or shall thy loving kindness, Lord,
be preached in the grave?
Or shall with them that are destroy'd
thy truth her honour have?
13 Shall they that lie in dark full low
of all thy wonders wor?
Or there shall they thy justice know
where all things are forgot?
14 But I, O Lord, to thee always
do cry and call apace:
My prayer eke e're it be day
shall come before thy face.
15 Why dost thou, Lord, abhor my soul,
in grief that seeketh thee?
And now, O Lord, why dost thou hide
thy face away from me?
16 I am afflict, as dying still
from youth this many a year:
The terrors which do vex me ill
with troubled mind I bear.
17 The furies of thy wrathfull rage
full sore upon me fall:
Thy terrors eke do not assuage,
but me oppress withall.
18 All day they compass me about,
as water at the tide:
And all at once with streams full stout
beset me on each side.
19 Thou settest far from me my friends
and lovers every one:
Yea, and mine old acquaintance all
out of my sight are gone.

Miserericordias. Psal. lxxxix. J. H.

David praiseth God for his covenant made between
him and his elect by Jesus Christ: then he com-
plaineth of the desolation of his kingdom, so that
the promise seemed to be broken. Finally, he pray-
eth to be delivered from afflictions, mentioning
the shortness of mans life, and confirming himself
by Gods promises.

TO sing the mercies of the Lord
my tongue shall never spare:
And with my mouth from age to age
thy truth I will declare.
2 For I have said, that mercy shall
for evermore remain:
In that thou dost the heavens stay,
thy truth appeareth plain:

3 To mine elect, faith God, I made
a covenant and behest:
My servant David to perswade,
I swore and did protest:
4 Thy seed for ever I will stay,
and stablish it full fast:
And still uphold thy throne alway
from age to age to last.
5 The heavens shew with joy and mirth
thy wondrous works, O Lord:
Thy saints within thy Church on earth
thy faith and truth record.
6 Who with the Lord is equal then
in all the clouds abroad?
Among the sons of all the gods,
what one is like our God?
7 God in assembly of the saints
is greatly to be dread:
And over all that dwell about
in terrour to be had.
8 Lord God of hosts, in all the world
what one is like to thee?
On every side, most mighty Lord,
thy truth is seen to be.
9 The raging Sea by thine advice
thou rulest at thy will:
And when the waves thereof arise,
thou mak'st them calm and still.
10 And Egypt, Lord, thou hast subdu'd,
and thou hast it destroy'd:
Yea, thou thy foes with mighty arm
hast scatt'ed all abroad.

The second part.

11 The heavens are thine and still have been,
likewise the earth and land:
The world and all that is therein
thou foundedst with thy hand.
12 Both north and south, with east and west
thy self didst make and frame:
Both Tabor mount, and eke Hermon,
rejoyce and praise thy Name.
13 Thine arm is strong and full of power,
all might therein doth lie:
The strength of thy right hand each hour
thou liftest up on high.
14 In righteousness and equity
thou hast thy seat and place:
Mercy and truth are still with thee,
and go before thy face.
15 That folk is blest that knows aright
thy present power, O God:
For in the favour of thy fight
they walk full safe abroad.
16 For in thy Name throughout the day
they joy and much rejoyce:
And through thy righteousness have they
a pleasant fame and noise.

17 For why? their glory, strength, and aid
in thee alone doth lie:

Thy goodnes eke that hath us ſtaid,
ſhall liſt our horn on high,

18 Our ſtrength that doth defend us well
the Lord to us doth bring:

The holy One of Iſrael
he is our guide and King.

19 Sometimes thy will unto thy ſaints
in viſions thou didſt ſhow:

And thus then didſt thou ſay to them,
thy mind to make them know:

20 A man of might I have erect,
your king and guide to be:

And ſet him up whom I elect
among the folk to me.

The third part.

21 My ſervant David I appoint,
whom I have ſearched out:

And with mine holy oyl anoint
him king of all the rout.

22 For why? my hand is ready ſtill
with him for to remain:

And with mine arm alſo I will
him ſtrengthen and ſuſtain.

23 The enemies ſhall him not oppreſs,
they ſhall him not devour:

Ne yet the ſons of wickedneſs
on him ſhall have no power:

24 His foes likewiſe I will deſtroy
before his face in fight:

And thoſe that hate him I will plague,
and ſtrike them with my might.

25 My truth and mercy eke withall
ſhall ſtill upon him lie:

And in my Name his horn eke ſhall
be liſted up on high.

26 His kingdom I will ſet to be
upon the ſea and land:

And eke the running flouds ſhall he
embrace with his right hand.

27 He ſhall depend with all his heart
on me, and thus ſhall ſay,

My Father and my God thou art,
my rock of health and ſtay.

28 As my firſt-born I will him take
of all on earth that ſprings:

His might and honour I will make
above all earthly kings.

29 My mercy ſhall be with him ſtill,
as I my ſelf have told:

My faithfull covenant to fulfill
my mercy I will hold.

30 And eke his ſeed I will ſuſtain
for ever ſtrong and ſure:

So that his ſeat ſhall ſtill remain
while heaven doth endure.

The fourth part.

31 If that his ſons forſake my law,
and ſo begin to ſwerve:

And of my judgements have none aw,
nor will not them obſerve:

32 Or if they do not uſe aright
my ſtatutes to them made,

And ſet all my commandments light,
and will not keep my trade:

33 Then with the rod will I begin
their doings to amend:

And ſo with ſcourging for their fin,
if that they do offend.

34 My mercy yet and my goodneſs
I will not take him fro:

Nor handle him with craftineſs,
and ſo my truth forgo.

35 But ſure my covenant I will hold,
with all that I have ſpoke:

No word the which my lips have told
ſhall alter or be broke.

36 Once ſware I by my holineſs,
and that perform will I:

With David I ſhall keep promiſe,
to him I will not lie.

37 His ſeed for evermore ſhall reign,
and eke his throne of might:

As doth the ſun, it ſhall remain,
for ever in my ſight.

38 And as the moon within the ſky
for ever ſtandeth faſt:

A faithfull witneſs from on high,
ſo ſhall his kingdom laſt.

39 But now, O Lord, thou doſt rejeſt,
and now thou changeſt cheer:

Yea, thou art wroth with thine elect,
thine own anointed dear.

40 The covenant with thy ſervant made,
Lord, thou haſt quite undone:

And down upon the ground alſo
haſt caſt his royal crown.

The fifth part.

41 Thou pluck'ſt his hedges up with might,
his walls thou doſt confound:

Thou beareſt eke his bulwarks down,
and break'ſt them to the ground.

42 That he is fore deſtroy'd and torn
of comers by throughout:

And ſo is made a mock and ſcorn
to all that dwell about.

43 Thou their right hand haſt liſted up
that him ſo ſore annoy:

And all his foes that him devour,
lo, thou haſt made to joy.

44 His ſwords edge thou doſt take away,
that ſhould his foes wiſtand:

To him in war no victory
thou giv'ſt, nor upper hand.

45 His glory thou dost also waste,
his throne, his joy, his mirth
By thee is overthrown, and cast
full low upon the earth.
46 Thou hast cut off and made full short
his youth and lusty days:
And rais'd of him an ill report
with shame and great dispraise.
47 How long away from me, O Lord,
for ever wilt thou turn?
And shall thine anger still alway
as fire consume and burn?
48 O call to mind, remember then,
my time consumeth fast:
Why hast thou made the sons of men
as things in vain to waste?
49 What man is he that liveth here,
and death shall never see?
Or from the hand of hell his soul
shall he deliver free?
50 Where is, O Lord, thine own goodness
so oft declar'd beforen,
Which by thy truth and uprightness
to David thou hast sworn?
51 The great rebukes to mind I call
that on thy servants lie:
The railings of the people all
born in my breast have I,
52 Wherewith, O Lord, thine enemies
blasphemed have thy Name:
The steps of thine anointed one
they cease not to defame.
53 All praise to thee, O Lord of hosts,
both now and eke for ay:
Through sky and earth, and all the coasts,
Amen, amen, I say.

Domine, refugium. Psal. xc. J. H.

Moses seeing the people neither admonished by the brevity of their life, nor by plagues, to be thankfull, prayeth God to turn their hearts, and continue his mercies towards them and their posterity for ever.

THou, Lord, hast been our sure defence,
our place of ease and rest
In all times past, yea so long since
as cannot be exprest.
2 E're there was made mountain or hill
the earth and world abroad:
From age to age, and always still
for ever thou art God.
3 Thou grindest man through grief and pain
to dust or clay, and then,
And then thou say'st again, Return
again ye sons of men.
4 The lasting of a thousand years,
what is it in thy sight?
As yesterday it doth appear,
or as a watch by night.

5 So soon as thou dost scatter them,
then is their life and trade
All as a sleep, and like the grass
whose beauty soon doth fade:
6 Which in the morning shines full bright,
but fadeth by and by:
And is cut down e're it be night,
all with' red, dead, and dry.
7 For through thine anger we consume,
our might is much decay'd:
And of thy fervent wrath and fume
we are full sore afraid.
8 The wicked works that we have wrought
thou sett'st before thine eye:
Our privy faults, yea, eke our thoughts
thy countenance doth spy.
9 For through thy wrath our days do waste,
thereof doth nought remain:
Our years consume as words or blasts,
and are not call'd again.
10 Our time is threescore years and ten
that we do live on mold:
If one see fourscore, surely then
we count him wondrous old.

The second part.

11 Yet of this time the strength and chief
the which we count upon,
Is nothing else but painfull grief,
and we as blasts are gone.
12 Who once doth know what strength is there,
what might thine anger hath?
Or in his heart who doth thee fear
according to thy wrath?
13 Instruct us, Lord, to know and try
how long our days remain:
That then we may our hearts apply
true wisdom to attain.
14 Return, O Lord, how long wilt thou
forth on in wrath proceed?
Shew favour to thy servants now,
and help them at their need.
15 Refresh us with thy mercy soon,
and then our joy shall be,
All times so long as life doth last,
in heart rejoyce will we.
16 As thou hast plagued us before,
now also make us glad:
And for the years wherein full sore
affliction we have had.
17 O let thy work and power appear,
and on thy servants light:
And shew unto thy children dear
thy glory and thy might.
18 Lord, let thy grace and glory stand
on us thy servants thus:
Confirm the works we take in hand,
Lord, prosper them to us.

Qui habitat. Psal. xci. J. H.

Here is described the assurance he liveth in, that committeth himself wholly to Gods protection in all temptations. A promise of God to those that love him, know him, and trust in him, to deliver them, and give them immortal glory.

HE that within the secret place
of God most high doth dwell :
In shadow of the Mightiest grace
at rest shall keep him well.

2 Thou art my hope and my strong hold,
I to the Lord will say,
My God is he, in him will I
my whole affiance stay.

3 He shall defend thee from the snare
the which the hunter laid :
And from the deadly plague and care
whereof thou art afraid :

4 And with his wings shall cover thee
and keep thee safely there :
His faith and truth thy fence shall be,
as sure as shield and spear.

5 So that thou shalt not need, I say,
to fear or be affright
Of all the shafts that fly by day,
nor terrors of the night :

6 Nor of the plague that privily
doth walk in dark so fast :
Nor yet of that which doth destroy
and at noon-day doth waste.

7 Yea, at thy side as thou dost stand
a thousand dead shall be :
Ten thousand eke at thy right hand,
and yet shalt thou be free.

8 But thou shalt see it for thy part,
thine eyes shall well regard,
That even like to their desert
the wicked have reward.

9 For why ? O Lord, I onely lust
to stay my hope on thee :
And in the Highest I put my trust,
my sure defence is he.

10 Thou shalt not need none ill to fear,
with thee it shall not mell :
Nor yet the plague shall once come near
the house where thou dost dwell.

11 For why ? unto his angels all
with charge commanded he,
That still in all thy ways they shall
preserve and prosper thee :

12 And in their hands shall bear thee up,
still waiting thee upon :
So that thy foot shall never chance
to spurn at any stone.

13 Upon the lions thou shalt go,
the adder fell and long :

And tread upon the lions young,
with dragons stout and strong.

14 For he that trusteth unto me,
I will dispatch him quite :
And him defend, because that he
doth know my Name aright.

15 When he for help on me doth cry,
an answer I will give :
And from his grief take him will I
in glory for to live.

16 With length of years and days of wealth
I will fulfill his time :
The goodness of my saving health
I will declare to him.

Bonum est. Psal. xcii. J. H.

A psalm for the sabbath, to stir up the people to acknowledge and praise God in his works. David rejoiceth therein ; but the wicked consider not that the ungodly, when he is most flourishing, shall most speedily perish. In the end is described the felicity of the just, planted in the house of God, to praise the Lord.

IT is a thing both good and meet
to praise the highest Lord :
And to thy Name, O thou most high,
to sing with one accord :

2 To shew the kindness of the Lord,
betime e're day be light :
And eke declare his truth abroad
when it doth draw to night.

3 Upon ten-stringed instruments,
on lute and harp so sweet :
With all the mirth you can invent
of instruments most meet.

4 For thou hast made me to rejoyce
in things so wrought by thee :
And I have joy in heart and voice
thy handy-works to see.

5 O Lord, how glorious and how great
are all thy works so stout !
So deeply are thy counsels set
that none can try them out.

6 The man unwise hath not the wit
this gear to pass to bring :
And all such fools are nothing fit
to understand this thing.

7 When so the wicked at their will
as grass do spring full fast,
They when they flourish in their ill
for ever shall be waste.

8 But thou art mighty, Lord most high,
yea thou dost reign therefore
In every time eternally,
both now and evermore.

9 For why? O Lord, behold and see,
behold thy foes, I say,
How all that work iniquity
shall perish and decay.

10 But thou, like as an unicorn,
shalt lift mine horn on high:
With fresh and new prepared oyl
thine ointed king am I:

11 And of my foes before mine eyes
shall see the fall and shame:
Of all that up against me rise,
mine ears shall hear the same.

12 The just shall flourish up on high
as date-trees bud and blow:
And as the cedars multiply
in Libanus that grow.

13 For they are planted in the place
and dwelling of our God:
Within his courts they spring apace,
and flourish all abroad.

14 And in their age much fruit shall bring
both fat and well befeen:
And pleasantly both bud and spring
with boughs and branches green.

15 To shew that God is good and just,
and upright in his will:
He is my rock, my hope, and trust,
in him there is none ill.

Dominus regnavit. Psal. xciii. J. H.

He praiseth the power of God in the creation of the world, and beateth down all people which lifted themselves up against his majesty: and provoketh to consider his promises.

The Lord as king aloft doth reign,
with glory goodly dight:

And he to shew his strength and main,
hath girt himself with might.

2 The Lord likewise the earth hath made
and shaped it so sure,
No might can make it move or fade;
at stay it doth endure.

3 E're that the world was made or wrought,
thy seat was set before:
Beyond all time that can be thought,
thou hast been evermore.

4 The floods, O Lord, the floods do rise,
they roar and make a noise:
The floods (I say) did enterprize,
and lifted up their voice.

5 Yea, though the storms arise in fight,
though seas do rage and swell:
The Lord is strong and more of might,
for he on high doth dwell.

6 And look what promise he doth make
his household to defend:
For just and true they shall it take,
all times without an end.

Deus ultionum. Psal. xciv. J. H.

He prayeth to God against the violence of tyrants, and comforteth the afflicted by the good issue of their afflictions, and by the ruine of the wicked.

O Lord, thou dost revenge all wrong,
that office 'longs to thee:

Sith vengeance doth to thee belong,
declare that all may see.

2 Set forth thy self, for thou of right
the earth dost judge and guide:
Reward the proud and men of might
according to their pride.

3 How long shall wicked men bear sway
with lifting up their voice?

How long shall wicked men, I say,
thus triumph and rejoyce?

4 How long shall they with brags burst out
and proudly prate their fill?
Shall they rejoyce that be so stout,
whose works are ever ill?

5 Thy flock, O Lord, thine heritage
they spoil and vex full sore:
Against thy people they do rage
still daily more and more.

6 The widows which are comfortless,
and strangers they destroy:
They slay the children fatherless,
and none doth put them by.

7 And when they take these things in hand,
this talk they have of thee,
Can Jacobs God this understand?
tush no, he cannot see.

8 O folk unwise and people rude,
some knowledge now discern:
Ye fools among the multitude,
at length begin to learn.

9 The Lord which made the ear of man,
he needs of right must hear:
He made the eye, all things must then
before his sight appear.

10 The Lord doth all the world correct,
and make them understand:
Shall he not then your deeds detect?
how can ye scape his hand?

The second part.

11 The Lord doth know the thoughts of man,
his heart he seeth full plain:

The Lord (I say) mans thoughts doth scan,
and findeth them but vain.

12 But, Lord, that man is happy sure
whom thou dost keep in aw,
And through correction dost procure
to teach him in thy law.

13 Whereby he shall in quiet rest
in time of trouble sit:
When wicked men shall be suppress,
and fall into the pit.

14 For sure the Lord will not refuse
his people for to take :

His heritage whom he did chuse
he will no time forsake.

15 Untill that judgement be decreed
to justice to convert :

That all may follow her with speed
that are of upright heart.

16 But who upon my part shall stand
against the cursed train ?

Or who shall rid me from their hand
that wicked works maintain ?

17 Except the Lord had been mine aid,
mine enemies to repell :

My soul and life had now been laid
almost as low as hell.

18 When I did say, My foot did slide,
I now am like to fall :

Thy goodness, Lord, did so provide
to stay me up withall.

19 When with my self I mused much,
and could no comfort find :

Then Lord thy goodness did me touch,
and that did ease my mind.

20 Wilt thou inhaunt thy self, and draw
with wicked men to sit :

Which with pretence in stead of law
much mischief do commit ?

21 For they consult against the life
of righteous men and good :

And in their counsels they are rife
to shed the guiltless blood.

22 But yet the Lord he is to me
a strong defence, or lock :

He is my God, to him I flee,
he is my strength and rock.

23 And he shall cause their mischiefs all
themselves for to annoy :

And in their malice they shall fall,
our God shall them destroy.

Venite exultemus. Psal. xcv. J. H.

An earnest exhortation to praise God for the government of the world, and election of his Church, and to eschew the rebellion of the old fathers, who tempted God in the wilderness, and therefore entered not into the land of promise.

O Come let us lift up our voice
and sing unto the Lord :

In him our rock of health rejoyce
let us with one accord.

2 Yea, let us come before his face
to give him thanks and praise :

In singing psalms unto his grace
let us be glad always.

3 For why ? the Lord he is no doubt
a great and mighty God,

A King above all gods throughout,
in all the world abroad.

4 The secrets of the earth so deep,
and corners of the land,

The tops of hills that are so steep,
he hath them in his hand.

5 The sea and waters all are his,
for he the same hath wrought :

The earth and all that therein is
his hand hath made of nought.

6 Come let us bow and praise the Lord,
before him let us fall :

And kneel to him with one accord
the which hath made us all.

7 For why ? he is the Lord our God,
for us he doth provide :

We are his flock, he doth us feed,
his sheep, and he our Guide.

8 To day if ye his voice will hear,
then harden not your heart :

As ye with grudging many a year
provok'd me in desert.

9 Whereas your fathers tempted me,
my power for to prove :

My wondrous works when they did see,
yet still they would me move.

10 Twice twenty years they did me grieve,
and I to them did say,

They err in heart, and not believe,
they have not known my way.

11 Wherefore I swear when that my wrath
was kindled in my brest,

That they should never tread the path
to enter in my rest.

Cantate Domino. Psal. xcvi. J. H.

An exhortation both to the Jews and Gentiles to praise God for his mercy: and this especially ought to be referred to the kingdom of Christ.

Sing ye with praise unto the Lord

new songs with joy and mirth :

Sing unto him with one accord,

all people on the earth.

2 Yea, sing unto the Lord, I say,

praise ye his holy Name :

Declare and shew from day to day

salvation by the same.

3 Among the heathen eke declare
his honour round about :

To shew his wonders do not spare

in all the world throughout.

4 For why ? the Lord is much of might,

and worthy praise alway :

And he is to be dread of right,

above all gods, I say.

5 For all the gods of heathen folk
are idols that will fade :

But yet our God he is the Lord
that hath the heavens made.

6 All praise and honour eke do dwell
for ay before his face :
Both power and might likewise excell
within his holy place.
7 Ascribe unto the Lord alway,
ye people of the world,
All might and worship eke, I say,
ascribe unto the Lord.
8 Ascribe unto the Lord also
the glory of his Name :
And eke into his courts do go
with gifts unto the same.

The second part.

9 Fall down and worship ye the Lord
within his temple bright :
Let all the people of the world
be fearfull at his sight.
10 Tell all the world, Be not agast,
the Lord doth reign above :
Yea, he hath set the earth so fast,
that it can never move :
11 And that it is the Lord alone
that rules with princely might,
To judge the nations every one
with equiry and right.
12 The heavens shall great joy begin,
the earth eke shall rejoyce :
The sea with all that is therein
shall shout and make a noise.
13 The field shall joy, and every thing
that springeth on the earth :
The wood and every tree shall sing
with gladness and with mirth,
14 Before the presence of the Lord,
and coming of his might :
When he shall justly judge the world,
and rule his folk with right.

Dominus regnavit. Psal. xcviij. J. H.

David exhorteth all to rejoyce for the coming of the kingdom of Christ, dreadfull to the rebels and idolaters, and joyfull to the just, whom he exhorteth to innocency, to rejoycing, and thanksgiving.

THe Lord doth reign, whereat the earth
may joy with pleasant voice :
And eke the isles with joyfull mirth
may triumph and rejoyce.
2 Both clouds and darkness eke do swell,
and round about him beat :
Yea, right and justice ever dwell
and bide about his fear.
3 Yea, fire and heat at once do run,
and go before his face :
Which shall his foes and enemies burn
aboad in every place.
4 His lightnings eke full bright did blaze,
and to the world appear :

Whereat the earth did look and gaze
with dread and deadly fear.
5 The hills like wax did melt in sight
and presence of the Lord :
They fled before that Rulers might,
which guideth all the world.
6 The heavens eke declare and show
his justice forth abroad,
That all the world may see and know
the glory of our God.
7 Confusion sure shall come to such
as worship idols vain :
And eke to those that glory much
dumb pictures to maintain.
8 For all the idols of the world,
which they as gods do call,
Shall feel the power of the Lord,
and down to him shall fall.
9 With joy shall Sion hear this thing,
and Juda shall rejoyce :
For at thy judgements they shall sing,
and make a pleasant noise.
10 That thou, O Lord, art set on high
in all the earth abroad :
And art exalted wondrously
above each other god.
11 All ye that love the Lord do this,
hate all things that are ill :
For he doth keep the souls of his
from such as would them spill.
12 And light doth spring up to the just,
with pleasure for his part :
Great joy with gladness, mirth and lust,
to them of upright heart.
13 Ye righteous in the Lord rejoyce,
his holiness proclaim :
Be thankfull eke with heart and voice,
and mindfull of the same.

Cantate Domino. Psal. xcviij. J. H.

An earnest exhortation to all creatures to praise the Lord for his power, mercy, and fidelity in his promise by Christ, by whom he hath communicated his salvation to all nations.

O Sing ye now unto the Lord
a new and pleasant song :
For he hath wrought throughout the world
his wonders great and strong.
2 With his right hand full worthily
he doth his foes devour,
And get himself the victory
with his own arm and power.
3 The Lord doth make the people know
his saving health and might :
The Lord doth eke his justice show
in all the heathens sight.
4 His grace and truth to Israel
in mind he doth record :

That

That all the earth hath ſeen right well
the goodneſſe of the Lord.

5 Be glad in him with joyfull voice,
all people of the earth :

Give thanks to God, ſing and rejoyce
to him with joy and mirth.

6 Upon the harp unto him ſing,
give thanks to him with pſalms :

Rejoyce before the Lord our King
with trumpets and with ſhalms.

7 Yea, let the ſea with all therein
for joy both roar and ſwell :

The earth likewiſe let it begin,
with all that therein dwell.

8 And let the flouds rejoyce their fills,
and clap their hands apace :

And eke the mountains and the hills,
before the Lord his face.

9 For he ſhall come to judge and try
the world and every wight :

And rule the people mightily
with juſtice and with right.

Dominus regnavit. Pſal. xcix. J. H.

*He commendeth the power, equity, and excellency of
the kingdom of God, by Chriſt, over the Jews and
Gentiles, provoking them to magnifie the ſame,
and to ſerve the Lord, as the ancient fathers, Mo-
ſes, Aaron, and Samuel, who calling upon God
were heard in their prayers.*

THe Lord doth reign, although at it
the people rage full fore :

Yea, he on cherubims doth ſit,
though all the world do roar.

2 The Lord that doth in Sion dwell
is high and wondrous great :

Above all folk he doth excell,
and he aloft is ſet.

3 Let all men praife thy mighty Name,
for it is fearfull ſure :

And let them magnifie the ſame,
that holy is and pure.

4 The princely power of our King
doth love judgement and right :

Thou rightely ruleſt every thing
in Jacob, through thy might.

5 To praife the Lord our God deviſe,
all honour to him do :

Before his footſtool worſhip him,
for he is holy too.

6 Moſes, Aaron, and Samuel
as prieſts on him did call :

When they did pray he heard them well,
and gave them answer all.

7 Within the cloud to them he ſpake,
then did they labour ſtill

To keep ſuch laws as he did make,
and pointed them untill.

8 O Lord our God, thou didſt them hear,
and answeredſt them again :

Thy mercy did on them appear,
their deeds didſt not maintaine.

9 O laud and praife our God and Lord
within his holy hill :

For why? our God throughout the world
is holy ever ſtill.

Jubilare Deo. Pſal. c. J. H.

*He exhorteth all men to ſerve the Lord, who hath
made us to enter into his courts and aſſemblies, to
praife his Name.*

ALl people that on earth do dwell,
ſing to the Lord with cheerfull voice :

2 Him ſerve with fear, his praife forth tell :
come ye before him and rejoyce.

3 The Lord ye know is God indeed,
without our aid he did us make :

We are his flock, he doth us feed ;
and for his ſheep he doth us take.

4 O enter then his gates with praife,
approach with joy his courts unto :
Praife, laud, and bleſs his Name always ;
for it is ſeemly ſo to do.

5 For why? the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is for ever ſure :

His truth at all times firmly ſtood,
and ſhall from age to age endure.

Another of the ſame, by J. H.

IN God the Lord be glad and light,
praife him throughout the earth :

2 Serve him, and come before his ſight
with ſinging and with mirth.

3 Know that the Lord our God he is,
he did us make and keep,

Not we our ſelves : for we are his
own flock and paſture-ſheep.

4 O go into his gates always,
give thanks within the ſame :

Within his courts ſet forth his praife,
and laud his holy Name.

5 For why? the goodneſſe of the Lord
for evermore doth reign :

From age to age throughout the world
his truth doth ſtill remain.

Miſericordiam. Pſal. ci. N.

*David deſcribeth what government he will obſerve
in his houſe and kingdom, by rooting out the wick-
ed, and cheriſhing the godly perſons.*

I Mercy will and judgement ſing,

O Lord God, unto thee :

2 And

- 2 And wiſely do in perfect way,
untill thou come to me :
And in the midſt of my houſe walk
in pureneſs of my ſprite :
- 3 And I no kind of wicked thing
will ſet before my fight.
I hate their works that fall away,
it ſhall not cleave to me :
- 4 From me ſhall part the froward heart,
none evil will I ſee.
- 5 Him will I ſtroy that ſlandereth
his neighbour privily :
The lofty heart I cannot bear,
nor him that looketh high.
- 6 Mine eyes ſhall be on them, within
the land that faithfull be :
In perfect way who walketh, ſhall
be ſervant-unto me.
- 7 I will no guilefull perſon have
within my houſe to dwell :
And in my preſence he ſhall not
remain that lies doth tell.
- 8 Betimes I will deſtroy even all
the wicked of the land :
That I may from Gods city cut
the wicked workers hand.

Domine, exaudi. Pſal. cii. N.

It ſeemeth that this prayer was appointed to the faithfull, to pray in the captivity of Babylon. A conſolation for the building of the Church, whereof followeth the praiſe of God, to be publiſhed unto all poſterities. The converſion of the Gentiles, and the ſtability of the Church.

- O** Hear my prayer, Lord, and let
my cry come unto thee :
- 2 In time of trouble do not hide
thy face away from me.
 - 3 Incline thine ear to me, make haſte
to hear me when I call :
For as the ſmoke doth fade, ſo do
my days conſume and fall.
 - 4 And as an hearth my bones are burnt,
my heart is ſmitten dead,
And withers like the graſs, that I
forget to eat my bread.
 - 5 By reaſon of my groaning voice
my bones cleave to my ſkin :
 - 6 As pelicane in wilderneſs,
ſuch caſe now am I in.
- And as an owl in deſert is,
lo, I am ſuch an one :
- 7 I watch, and as a ſparrow on
the houſe-top am alone.
 - 8 Lo, daily in reproachfull wiſe
mine enemies do me ſcorn :
And they that do againſt me rage,
againſt me they have ſworn.

- 9 Surely with aſhes as with bread,
my hunger I have fill'd :
And mingled have my drink with tears
that from mine eyes have ſtill'd.
- 10 Becauſe of thy diſpleaſure, Lord,
thy wrath and thy diſdain :
For thou haſt liſted me aloft,
and caſt me down again.
- 11 The days wherein I paſs my life,
are like the fleeting ſhade :
And I am wither'd like the graſs
that ſoon away doth fade.
- 12 But thou, O Lord, for ever doſt
remain in ſteady place :
And thy remembrance ever doth
abide from race to race.

The ſecond part.

- 13 Thou wilt ariſe, and mercy thou
to Sion wilt extend :
The time of mercy, now the time
foreſet is come to end.
- 14 For even in the ſtones thereof
thy ſervants do delight :
And on the duſt thereof they have
compaſſion in their ſprite.
- 15 Then ſhall the heathen people fear
the Lords moſt holy Name :
And all the kings on earth ſhall dread
thy glory and thy fame.
- 16 Then when the Lord the mighty God
again ſhall Sion rear :
And then when he moſt nobly in
his glory ſhall appear.
- 17 To prayer of the deſolate
when he himſelf ſhall bend :
When he ſhall not diſdain unto
their prayers to attend.
- 18 This ſhall be written for the age
that after ſhall ſucceed :
The people yet uncreated
the Lords renown ſhall ſpread.
- 19 For he from his high ſanctuary
hath looked down below :
And out of heaven hath the Lord
beheld the earth alſo.
- 20 That of the mourning captive he
might hear the woſull cry :
And that he might deliver thoſe
that damned are to die.
- 21 That they in Sion may declare
the Lords moſt holy Name :
And in Jeruſalem ſet forth
the praiſes of the ſame :

22 Then when the people of the land
and kingdoms with accord
Shall be assembled for to do
their service to the Lord.

The third part.

23 My former force of strength he hath
abated in the way :
And shorter he did cut my days,
thus I therefore did say,
24 My God, in midst of all my days
now take me not away :
Thy years endure eternally,
from age to age for ay.
25 Thou the foundations of the earth
before all times hast laid :
And Lord, the heavens are the work
which thine own hands have made.
26 Yea, they shall perish and decay,
but thou shalt tarry still :
And they shall all in time wax old
even as a garment will.
27 Thou as a garment shalt them change,
and changed shall they be :
But thou dost still abide the same,
thy years do never flee.
28 The children of thy servants shall
continually endure :
And in thy sight their happy seed
for ever shall stand sure.

Benedic anima. Psal. ciii. T. S.

The prophet provoketh men and angels, and all creatures to praise the Lord for his fatherly mercies in deliverance of his people from evils, in his providence over all things, and in preservation of the faithfull.

MY soul, give laud unto the Lord,
my spirit shall do the same :
And all the secrets of my heart,
praise ye his holy Name.
2 Give thanks to God for all his gifts,
shew not thy self unkind :
And suffer not his benefits
to slip out of thy mind.
3 That gave thee pardon for thy faults,
and thee restor'd again,
For all thy weak and frail disease,
and heal'd thee of thy pain.
4 That did redeem thy life from death,
from which thou couldst not flee :
His mercy and compassion both
he did extend to thee.
5 That fill'd with goodness thy desire,
and did prolong thy youth :
Like as the eagle casts her bill,
whereby her age renew' th.

6 The Lord with justice doth repay
all such as be oppress'd :
So that their sufferings and their wrongs
are turned to the best.

7 His ways and his commandments
to Moses he did show :

His counsels and his valiant acts
the Israelites did know.

8 The Lord is kind and mercifull
when sinners do him grieve :
The slowest to conceive a wrath,
and readiest to forgive.

9 He chides not us continually,
though we be full of strife :
Nor keeps our faults in memory,
for all our sinfull life.

10 Nor yet according to our sins
the Lord doth us regard :
Nor after our iniquities
he doth us not reward.

11 But as the space is wondrous great
'twixt earth and heaven above :
So is his goodness much more large
to them that do him love.

12 God doth remove our sins from us,
and our offences all,
As far as is the sun-rising
full distant from his fall.

The second part.

13 And look what pity parents dear
unto their children bear :
Like pity beareth God to such
as worship him in fear.

14 The Lord that made us knows our shape,
our mould and fashion just :
How weak and frail our nature is,
and how we be but dust.

15 And how the time of mortal men
is like the with'ring hay :
Or like the flower right fair in field,
that fades full soon away.

16 Whose gloss and beauty stormy winds
do utterly disgrace :
And make that after their assaults
such blossoms have no place.

17 But yet the goodness of the Lord
with his shall ever stand :
Their childrens children do receive
his righteousness at hand.

18 I mean, which keep his covenant
with all their whole desire :
And not forget to do the thing
that he doth them require.

19 The heavens high are made the seat
and footstool of the Lord :
And by his power imperial
he governs all the world.

- 20 Ye angels which are great in power,
praiſe ye and bleſs the Lord :
Which to obey and do his will
immediately accord.
- 21 Ye noble hoſts and miniſters,
ceafe not to laud him ſtill :
Which ready are to execute
his pleaſure and his will.
- 22 Yea, all his works in every place,
praiſe ye his holy Name :
My heart, my mind, and eke my ſoul,
praiſe ye alſo the ſame.

Benedic, anima mea. Pſal. civ. W. K.

*A thankſgiving for the creation of the world, and
governance of the ſame, by Gods marvellous pro-
vidence : alſo a prayer againſt the wicked, who are
occasions that God diminiſheth his bleſſings.*

MY ſoul, praiſe the Lord,
ſpeak good of his Name,
O Lord our great God,
how doſt thou appear,
So paſſing in glory,
that great is thy fame ?
Honour and majeſty
in thee ſhine moſt clear.

2 With light, as a robe,
thou haſt thee beclad,
Whereby all the earth
thy greatneſs may ſee :
The heavens in ſuch ſort
thou alſo haſt ſpread,
That it to a curtain
compared may be.

3 His chamber-beams lie
in the clouds full ſure,
Which as his chariots,
are made him to bear :
And there with much ſwiftheſs
his courſe doth endure,
Upon the wings riding
of winds in the air.

4 He maketh his ſpirits
as heralds to go :
And lightnings to ſerve
we ſee alſo preſt :
His will to accompliſh
they run to and fro,
To ſave or conſume things,
as ſeemeth him beſt.

5 He groundeth the earth
ſo firmly and faſt,
That it once to move
none ſhall have ſuch power.

6 The deep a fair covering
for it made thou haſt :
Which by his own nature
the hills would devour.

- 7 But at thy rebuke
the waters do flee :
And ſo give due place
thy word to obey.
At thy voice of thunder
ſo fearfull they be,
That in their great raging
they haſte ſoon away.
- 8 The mountains full high
they then up aſcend :
If thou do but ſpeak,
thy word they fulfill.
So likewiſe the valleys
moſt quickly deſcend,
Where thou them appointeſt
remain they do ſtill.
- 9 Their bounds thou haſt ſet
how far they ſhall run ;
So that in their rage
not that paſs they can :
For God hath appointed
they ſhall not return
The earth to deſtroy more,
which made was for man.

The ſecond part.

- 10 He ſendeth the ſprings
to ſtrong ſtreams or lakes,
Which run do full ſwift
among the huge hills :
- 11 Where both the wild aſſes
their thirſt oft-times ſlakes,
And beaſts of the mountains
thereof drink their fills.
- 12 By theſe pleaſant ſprings
of fountains full fair,
The fowls of the air
abide ſhall and dwell :
Who moved by nature
to hop here and there,
Among the green branches
their ſongs ſhall excell.
- 13 The mountains to moiſt
the clouds he doth uſe :
The earth with his works
is wholly replete.
- 14 So as the brute cattel
he doth not reſuſe :
But graſs doth provide them,
and herb for mans meat.
- 15 Yea, bread, wine, and oyl,
he made for mans ſake,
His face to reſreſh,
and heart to make ſtrong.
- 16 The cedars of Liban
this great Lord did make :
Which trees he doth nourish
that grow up ſo long :

17 In these may birds build
and make there their nests :
In fir-trees the storks
remain and abide.

18 The high hills are succours
for wild goats to rest :
And eke the rock stony
for conies to hide.

19 The moon then is set
her seasons to run :
The days from the nights
thereby to discern :
And by the descending
also of the sun,
The cold from heat alway
thereby we do learn.

20 When darkness doth come
by Gods will and power,
Then creep forth do all
the beasts of the wood.

21 The lions range roaring
their prey to devour :
But yet it is thou, Lord,
which givest them food.

22 As soon as the sun
is up, they retire :
To couch in their dens
then are they full fain :

23 That man to his work may,
as right doth require,
Till night come and call him
to take rest again.

The third part.

24 How sundry, O Lord,
are all thy works found !
With wisdom full great
they are indeed wrought :
So that the whole world
of thy praise doth sound :
And as for thy riches,
they pass all mens thought.

25 So is the great sea,
which large is and broad,
Where things that creep swarm,
and beasts of each sort.

26 There both mighty ships sail,
and some lie at rode :
The whale huge and monstrous
there also doth sport.

27 All things on thee wait,
thou dost them relieve :
And thou in due time
full well dost them feed.

28 Now when it doth please thee
the same for to give,
They gather full gladly
those things which they need.

Thou openest thy hand,
and they find such grace,
That they with good things
are filled we see.

29 But sore are they troubled
if thou turn thy face :
For if thou their breath take,
vile dust then they be.

30 Again, when thy Spirit
from thee doth proceed
All things to appoint,
and what shall ensue :
Then are they created
as thou hast decreed :
And dost by thy goodness
the dry earth renew.

31 The praise of the Lord
for ever shall last,
Who may in his works
by right well rejoyce.

32 His look can the earth make
to tremble full fast,
And likewise the mountains
to smoke at his voice.

33 To this Lord and God
sing will I always :
So long as I live,
my God praise will I.

34 Then am I most certain
my words shall him please :
I will rejoyce in him,
to him will I cry.

35 The sinners, O Lord,
consume in thine ire :
And eke the perverse
them root out with shame :
But as for my soul now,
let it still desire,
And say with the faithfull,
Praise ye the Lords Name.

Confitemini Dom. Psal. cv. N.

*He praiseth the singular goodness of God for choosing
a peculiar people to himself, never ceasing to do
them good even for his promise sake.*

Give praises unto God the Lord,
and call upon his Name :
Among the people eke declare
his works to spread his fame.
2 Sing ye unto the Lord, I say,
and sing unto him praise :
And talk of all his wondrous works
that he hath wrought always.

3 In honour of his holy Name
rejoyce with one accord :
And let the heart also rejoyce
of them that seek the Lord.

4 Seek ye the Lord, and seek the strength
of his eternall might :
And seek his face continually,
and presence of his sight.
5 The wondrous works which he hath done
keep still in mindfull heart :
Ne let the judgements of his mouth
out of your mind depart :
6 Ye that of faithfull Abraham
his servant are the seed :
Ye his elect, the children that
of Jacob do proceed.
7 For he, he onely is, I say,
the mighty Lord our God :
And his most rightfull judgements are
through all the earth abroad.
8 His promise and his covenant
which he hath made to his,
He hath remembred evermore
to thousands of degrees.

The second part.

9 The covenant which he hath made
with Abraham long ago,
And faithfull oath which he hath sworn
to Isaac also :
10 And did confirm the same for law,
that Jacob should obey ;
And for eternall covenant
to Israel for ay.
11 When thus he said, Lo, I to you
all Canaan land will give,
The lot of your inheritance,
wherein your seed shall live.
12 Although the number at that time
did very small appear :
Yea, very small, and in the land
they then but strangers were.
13 While yet they walkt from land to land
without a sure abode :
And while from sundry kingdoms they
did wander all abroad.
14 And wrong at no oppressours hands
he suff'ed them to take :
But even the great and mighty kings
reproved for their sake.
15 And thus he said, Touch ye not those
that mine anointed be :
Ne do the prophets any harm
that do pertain to me.
16 He call'd a dearth upon the land,
of bread he stroy'd the store :
But he against the time of need
had sent a man before :

The third part.

17 Even Joseph which had once been sold
to live a slave in wo :
Whose feet they hurt in stocks, whose soul
the irons pierc'd also.

18 Untill the time came when his cause
was known apparently,
The mighty word of God the Lord
his faultles truth did try.
19 The king sent and delivered him
from prison where he was :
20 The ruler of the people then
did freely let him pass.
21 And over all his house he made
him lord to bear the sway :
And of his substance made him have
the rule and all the stay.
22 That he might to his will instruct
the princes of the land :
And wildoms lore his ancient men
might cause to understand.
23 Then into the Egyptian land
came Israel also :
And Jacob in the land of Ham
did live a stranger tho.
24 His people he exceedingly
in number made to flow :
And over all their enemies
in strength he made them grow.
25 Whose heart he turn'd, that they with hate
his people did intreat :
And did his servants wrongfully
abuse with false deceit.

The fourth part.

26 His faithfull servant Moses then,
and Aaron whom he chose,
He did command to go to them,
his message to disclose.
27 The wondrous message of his signs
among them he did show :
And wonders in the land of Ham
then did they work also.
28 Darknes he sent, and made it dark
in stead of brighter day :
And unto his commission
they did not disobey.
29 He turn'd their waters into blood,
he did their fishes slay :
30 Their land brought frogs even in the place
where their king Pharaoh lay.
31 He spake and at his voice there came
great swarms of noisome flies :
And all the quarters of the land
were fill'd with crawling lice.
32 He gave them cold and stony hail
in stead of milder rain :
And fiery flames within their land
he sent unto their pain.
33 He smote their vines, and all their trees
whereon their figs did grow :
And all the trees within their coasts
down did he overthrow.

- 34 He spake, then caterpillers did
and grasshoppers abound :
35 Which ate the graſs in all their land,
and fruit of all their ground.

The fifth part.

- 36 The first-begotten in their land
eke deadly did he ſmite :
Yea, the beginning and first-fruit
of all their strength and might.
37 With gold and ſilver he them brought
from Egypt land to paſs :
And in the number of their tribes
no feeble one there was.
38 Egypt was glad and joyfull then
when they did thence depart :
For terrour and the fear of them
was fall'n upon their heart.
39 To ſhroud them from the parching heat,
a cloud he did diſplay :
And fire he ſent to give them light
when night had hid the day.
40 They asked, and he cauſed quails
to rain at their request :
And fully with the bread of heaven
their hunger he repreſt.
41 He opened the ſtony rock,
and waters gushed out :
And eke the dry and parched ground
like rivers ran about.
42 For of his holy covenant
ay mindfull was he tho :
Which to his ſervant Abraham
he plighted long ago.
43 He brought his people forth with mirth,
and his elect with joy
Out of the cruel land where they
had liv'd in great annoy.
44 And of the heathen men he gave
to them the fruitfull lands :
The labours of the people eke
they took into their hands.
45 That they his holy ſtatutes might
obſerve for evermore,
And faithfully obey his laws :
praiſe ye the Lord therefore.

Confitemini Domino. Pſal. cvi. N.

*The people diſperſed under Antiochus, do magnifie
the goodneſſ of God among the repentant, and pray
to be gathered from among the heathen, that they
may praiſe his Name.*

- P**raiſe ye the Lord, for he is good,
his mercy dures for ay :
2 Who can expreſs his noble acts,
or all his praiſe diſplay ?
3 They bleſſed are that judgement keep,
and juſtly do alway.

- 4 With favour of thy people, Lord,
remember me, I pray :
And with thy ſaving health (O Lord)
vouchſafe to viſit me :
5 That I the great felicity
of thine elect may ſee :
And with thy peoples joy I may
a joyfull mind poſſeſs ;
And may with thine inheritance
a glorying heart expreſs.
6 Both we and eke our fathers all
have ſinned every one :
We have committed wickedneſs,
and lewdly we have done.
7 The wonders great which thou (O Lord)
haſt done in Egypt land,
Our fathers though they ſaw them all,
yet did not underſtand :
Nor they thy mercies multitude
did keep in thankfull mind :
But at the ſea, yea the Red ſea,
rebelled moſt unkind.
8 Nevertheleſs he ſaved them
for honour of his Name :
That he might make his power known,
and ſpread abroad his fame.
9 The Red ſea he did then rebuke,
and forthwith it was dri'd :
And as in wilderneſs, ſo through
the deep he did them guide.
10 He ſav'd them from the cruel hand
of their deſpightfull foe,
And from the enemies hand he did
deliver them alſo.

The ſecond part.

- 11 The waters their oppreſſours whelm'd,
not one was left alive :
12 Then they believ'd his word, and praiſe
in ſong they did him give.
13 But by and by unthankfully
his works they clean forgot :
And for his counſel and his will
they did neglect to wait :
14 But luſted in the wilderneſs
with fond and greedy luſt ;
And in the deſert tempted God,
the ſtay of all their truſt.
15 And then their wanton minds deſire
he ſuffered them to have :
But waſting leanneſſ therewithall
into their ſouls he gave.
16 Then when they lodged in their tents,
at Moſes they did grutch :
Aaron the holy of the Lord
ſo did they envy much.
17 Therefore the earth did open wide,
and Dathan did devour :

And

And all Abiram's company
did cover in that hour.

18 In their assembly kindled was
the hot consuming fire :

And wasting flame did then burn up
the wicked in his ire.

19 Upon the hill of Horeb they
an idol-calf did frame :

And there the molten image they
did worship of the same.

20 Into the likeness of a calf
which feedeth on the grafs

Thus they their glory turn'd, and all
their honour did deface.

21 And God their onely Saviour
unkindly they forgot ;

Which many great and mighty things
in Egypt land had wrought :

The third part.

22 And in the land of Ham for them
most wondrous works had done,

And by the Red sea dreadfull things
performed long ago.

23 Therefore for their so shewing them
forgetfull and unkind,

To bring destruction on them all
he purpos'd in his mind :

Had not his chosen Moses stood
before him in the break,

To turn his wrath, lest he on them
with slaughter should him wreak.

24 They did despise the pleasant land
that he behight to give :

Yea, and the words that he had spoke
they did no whit beleeve.

25 But in their tents with grudging heart
they wickedly repin'd,

Nor to the voice of God the Lord
they gave an hearkning mind.

26 Therefore against them lifted he
his strong revenging hand,

Them to destroy in wilderness
e're they should see the land :

27 And to destroy their seed among
the nations with his rod,

And through the countreys of the world
to scatter them abroad.

28 To Baal-peor then they did
adjoyn themselves also,

And ate the off'rings of the dead ;
so they forsook him tho.

29 Thus with their own inventions
his wrath they did provoke :

And in his fore enkindled wrath
the plague upon them broke.

30 But Phinehas stood up with zeal
the sinners vile to slay :

And judgement he did execute,
and then the plague did stay.

The fourth part.

31 It was imputed unto him
for righteousness that day :

And from thenceforth so counted is
from race to race, I say.

32 At waters eke of Meribah
they did him angry make :

Yea, so far forth, that Moses was
then punish't for their sake :

33 Because they vex't his spirit so sore,
that in impatient heat

His lips spake unadvisedly,
his fervour was so great.

34 Nor as the Lord commanded them,
they slew the people tho :

35 But were among the heathen mixt,
and learn'd their works also :

36 And did their idols serve, which were
their ruine and decay :

37 To fiends their sons and daughters they
did offer up and slay.

38 Yea, with unkindly murdering knife
the guiltless blood they spilt :

Yea, their own sons and daughters blood
without all cause of guilt.

Whom they to Canaan idols then
off red with wicked hand :

And so with blood of innocents
defiled was the land.

39 Thus were they stained with the works
of their own filthy way :

And with their own inventions,
a whoring they did stray.

40 Therefore against his people was
the Lords wrath kindled sore :

And even his own inheritance
he did abhor therefore.

41 Into the hands of heathen men
he gave them for a prey,

And made their foes their lords, whom they
were forced to obey.

The fifth part.

42 Yea, and their hatefull enemies
opprest them in the land,

And they were humbly made to stoop
as subjects to their hand.

43 Full oftentimes from thrall had he
delivered them before :

But with their counsels they to wrath
provok'd him evermore.

Therefore they by their wickedness
were brought full low to lie :

44 Yet when he saw them in distress,
he hearkned to their cry.

45 He call'd to mind his covenant
which he to them had swore :
And by his mercies multitude
repented him therefore.

46 And favour he them made to find
before the sight of those
That led them captive from their land,
when e'rst they were their foes.

47 Save us, O Lord, that art our God,
save us, O Lord, we pray :
And from among the heathen folk,
Lord, gather us away.

48 That we may spread the noble praise
of thy most holy Name :

That we may glory in thy praise
and sounding of thy fame.

49 The Lord the God of Israel
be blest for evermore :

Let all the people say, Amen,
praise ye the Lord therefore.

Confitemini Dom. Psal cvii. W. K.

*David exhorteth all that are redeemed by the Lord,
and gathered unto him, to give thanks therefore,
who by sending prosperity and adversity, bringeth
men unto him. Therefore as the righteous there-
at rejoyce, so shall the wicked have their mouthes
stopped.*

Give thanks unto the Lord our God,
for gracious is he :
And that his mercy hath no end
all mortall men may see.

1 Such as the Lord redeemed hath
with thanks shall praise his Name :
And shew how they from foes were freed,
and how he wrought the same.

3 He gath'ed them forth of the lands
that lay so far about :
From east to west, from north to south
his hand did find them out.

4 They wandred in the wilderness
and strayed from the way :
And found no city where to dwell,
that serve might for their stay.

5 Whose thirst and hunger was so great
in these deserts so void :
That faintness did them sore assault,
and eke their souls annoy'd.

6 Then did they cry in their distress
unto the Lord for aid :
Who did remove their troublous state,
according as they pray'd.

7 And by that way which was most right
he led them like a guide :
That they might to a city go,
and there also abide.

8 Let men therefore before the Lord
confess his goodness then :

And shew the wonders that he doth
before the sons of men.

9 For he the empty soul sustain'd,
whom thirst had made to faint :
The hungry soul with goodness fed,
and did them eke acquaint.

10 Such as do dwell in darkness deep,
where they on death do wait :
Fast bound to taste such troublous storms
as iron chains do threat.

The second part.

11 For that against the Lords own words
they sought so to rebell :
Esteeming light his counsels high,
which do so far excell.

12 But when he humbled them full low,
they then fell down with grief :
And none was found so much to help,
whereby to get relief.

13 Then did they cry in their distress
unto the Lord for aid :
Who did remove their troublous state
according as they pray'd.

14 For he from darkness out them brought,
and from deaths dreadfull shade :
Bursting with force the iron bands
which them before did lade.

15 Let men therefore before the Lord
confess his kindness then :
And shew the wonders that he doth
before the sons of men.

16 For he threw down the gates of brass,
and brake them with strong hand :
The iron bars he smote in two,
nothing could him withstand.

17 The foolish folk great plagues do feel,
and cannot from them wend :
But heap on more to those they have,
because they do offend.

18 Their soul so much did loathe all meat,
that none they could abide :
Whereby death had them almost caught,
as they full truly tri'd.

19 Then did they cry in their distress
unto the Lord for aid :
Who did remove their troublous state,
according as they pray'd.

20 For then he sent to them his word,
which health did soon restore :
And brought them from those dangers deep
wherein they were before.

The third part.

21 Let men therefore before the Lord
confess his kindness then :
And shew the wonders that he doth
before the sons of men.

22 And

22 And let them offer sacrifice
with thanks, and also fear:
And speak of all his wondrous works
with glad and joyfull cheer.
23 Such as in ships and brittle barks
into the seas descend,
Their merchandise through fearfull flouds
to compass and to end:
24 Those men are forced to behold
the Lords works what they be:
And in the dangerous deep, the same
most marvellous they see.
25 For at his word the stormy wind
arise in a rage,
And stirreth up the surges so,
as nought can them assuage.
26 Then are they lifted up so high,
the clouds they seem to gain:
And plunging down the depth untill,
their souls consume with pain.
27 And like a drunkard to and fro
now here now there they reel,
As men with fear of wit bereft,
or had of sense no feel.
28 Then did they cry in their distress
unto the Lord for aid:
Who did remove their troublous state,
according as they pray'd.
29 For with his word the Lord doth make
the sturdy storms to cease:
So that the great waves from their rage
are brought to rest and peace.
30 Then are men glad when rest is come,
which they so much did crave:
And are by him in haven brought,
which they so fain would have.

The fourth part.

31 Let men therefore before the Lord
confess his kindness then:
And shew the wonders that he doth
before the sons of men.
32 Let them in presence of the folk
with praise extoll his Name:
And where the elders do convent,
there let them do the same.
33 For running flouds to dry deserts
he doth oft change and turn:
And drieth up as it were dust
the springing well and bourn.
34 A fruitfull land with pleasures deckt
full barren doth he make:
When on their sins that dwell therein
he doth just vengeance take.
35 Again the wilderness full rude
he maketh fruit to bear:
With pleasant springs of waters clear,
though none before were there.

36 Wherein such hungry souls are set
as he doth freely chuse:
That they a city may them build
to dwell in for their use.
37 That they may sow their pleasant land,
and vineyards also plant,
To yield them fruits of such increase,
as none may seem to want.
38 They multiply exceedingly,
the Lord doth bless them so:
Who doth also the brute beasts make
by numbers great to grow.
39 But when the faithfull are low brought
by the oppressours stout,
And minish do through many plagues
that compass them about:
40 Then doth he princes bring to shame
which did them sore oppress,
And likewise caused them to err
within the wilderness.
41 But yet the poor he raiseth up
out of his troubles deep:
And oft-times doth his train augment,
much like a flock of sheep.
42 The righteous shall behold this sight,
and also much rejoyce:
Whereas the wicked and perverse
with grief shall stop their voice.
43 But who is wise, that now full well
he may these things record?
For certainly such shall perceive
the kindness of the Lord.

Paratum cor. Psal. cviii. J. H.

David with heart and voice praiseth the Lord, and assureth himself of the promises of God, concerning his kingdom over Israel, and his power against other nations; who though he seem to forsake us for a time, yet he alone in the end will cast down our enemies.

O God my heart prepared is,
and eke my tongue is so,
I will advance my voice in song,
and giving praise also.
2 Awake my viol and my harp
sweet melody to make:
And in the morning I my self
right early will awake.
3 By me among the people, Lord,
still praised shalt thou be:
And I among the heathen folk
will sing, O Lord, to thee.
4 Because thy mercy, Lord, is great
above the heavens high:
And eke thy truth doth reach the clouds
within the lofty sky.
5 Above the starry heavens high
exalt thy self, O God:

And, Lord, display upon the earth
thy glory all abroad.
6 That thy dearly beloved may
be set at liberty :
Help, O my God, with thy right hand,
and hearken unto me.

7 God in his holiness hath spoke,
wherefore my joys abound :
Sichem I will divide, and mete
the vale of Succoth-ground.

8 And Gilead shall be mine own,
Manasses mine shall be :
My head-strength, Ephraim ; and law
shall Judah give for me.

9 Moab my washpot, and my shoe
on Edom will I throw :
Upon the land of Palestine
in triumph will I go.

10 Who shall into the city strong
be guide to conduct me ?
Or how, by whom to Edom land
conveyed shall I be ?

11 Is it not thou, O Lord, which late
hadst us forsaken quite ?
And thou, O Lord, which with our hosts
didst not go forth to fight ?

12 Give us, O Lord, thy saving aid
when troubles do assail : -
For all the help of man is vain,
and can no whit avail.

13 Through God we shall do valiant acts
and worthy of renown :
He shall subdue our enemies,
yea, he shall tread them down.

Deus, laudem tuam. Psal. cix. N.

David being falsely accused by Sauls flatterers, prayeth God to help him to destroy his enemies, who represent Judas the traitour unto Jesus Christ, and all like enemies of the children of God.

IN speechless silence do not hold,
O God, thy tongue always :
O God, even thou, I say, that art
the God of all my praise.

2 The wicked and the guilefull mouth
on me disclosed be :
And they with false and lying tongues
have spoken unto me.

3 They did beset me round about
with words of hatefull spight :
Without all cause of my desert
against me they did fight.

4 For my good will they were my foes,
but then gan I to pray :
My good with ill, my friendliness
with hate they did repay.

6 Set thou the wicked over him,
to have the upper hand :

At his right hand eke suffer thou
his hatefull foe to stand.

7 When he is judged, let him then
condemned be therein :
And let the prayer that he makes
be turned into sin.

8 Few be his days, his charge also
let thou another take :

9 His children let be fatherless,
his wife a widow make.

10 Let his off-spring be vagabonds,
to beg and seek their bread :
Wandering out of the wasted place
where erst they have been fed.

11 Let covetous extortioners
catch all his goods and store :
And let the stranger spoil the fruit
of all his toil before.

12 Let there be none to pity him,
let there be none at all
That on his children fatherless
will let their mercy fall.

The second part.

13 And so let his posterity
for ever be destroy'd :
Their name our blotted in the age
that after shall succeed.

14 Let not his fathers wickedness
from Gods remembrance fall :
And let not thou his mothers sin
be done away at all.

15 But in the presence of the Lord
let them remain for ay :
That from the earth their memory
he may cut clean away.

16 Sith mercy he forgot to shew,
but did pursue with spight
The troubled man, and sought to slay
the wofull hearted wight.

17 As he did cursing love, it shall
betide unto him so :
And as he did not blessing love,
it shall be far him fro.

18 As he with cursing clad himself,
so it like water shall
Into his bowels, and like oyl
into his bones befall.

19 As garment let it be to him,
to cover him for ay :
And as a girdle wherewith he
shall girded be alway.

20 Lo, let the same be from the Lord,
the guerdon of my foe :
Yea, and of those that evil speak
against my soul also.

21 But thou, O Lord, that art my God,
deal thou, I say, with me

After

After thy Name, deliver me;
for good thy mercies be.
22 Because in depth of great distress
I needy am and poor:
And eke within my pained brest
my heart is wounded sore.

The third part.

23 Even so do I depart away
as doth declining shade:
And as the grasshopper, so I
am shaken off and fade.
24 With fasting long from needfull food
enfeebled are my knees:
And all her fatness hath my flesh
enforced been to leese.
25 And I also a vile reproach
to them am made to be:
And they that did upon me look
did shake their heads at me.
26 But thou, O Lord, that art my God,
mine aid and succour be:
According to thy mercy, Lord,
save and deliver me.
27 And they shall know thereby, that this
(Lord) is thy mighty hand:
And that thou, thou hast done it, Lord,
so shall they understand.
28 Although they curse with spight, yet thou
shalt blees with loving voice:
They shall arise and come to shame;
thy servant shall rejoyce.
29 Let them be clothed all with shame
that enemies are to me:
And with confusion as a cloke
eke covered let them be.
30 But greatly I will with my mouth
give thanks unto the Lord:
And I among the multitude
his praises will record.
31 For he with help at his right hand
will stand the poor man by,
To save him from the man that would
condemn his soul to die.

Dixit Dominus. Psal. cx. N.

David prophesieth of the power and everlasting kingdom of Christ, and of the priesthood, which should put an end to the priesthood of Levi.

THe Lord did say unto my Lord,
sit thou on my right hand,
Till I have made thy foes a stool
whereon thy feet shall stand.
2 The Lord shall out of Sion send
the sceptre of thy might:
Amid thy mortal foes be thou
the Ruler in their sight.

3 And in the day on which thy reign
and power they shall see:
Then hereby free-will-offerings shall
the people offer thee.
Yea, with an holy worshipping
then shall they offer all:
Thy births dew is the dew that doth
from womb of morning fall.
4 The Lord hath sworn, and never will
repent what he doth say:
By th' order of Melchisedech
thou art a Priest for ay.
5 The Lord thy God, on thy right hand
that standeth for thy stay,
Shall wound for thee the stately kings
upon his wrathfull day.
6 The heathen he shall judge, and fill
the place with bodies dead:
And over divers countreys shall
in sunder smite the head.
7 And he shall drink out of the brook
that runneth in the way:
Wherefore he shall lift up on high
his royal head that day.

Confitebor tibi. Psal. cxi. N.

He giveth thanks to the Lord for his mercifull works towards his Church, and declareth wherein true wisdom and right knowledge consisteth.

With heart I do accord
To praise and laud the Lord,
In presence of the just.
2 For great his works are found,
To search them such are bound
As do him love and trust.
3 His works are glorious,
Also his righteounesse
It doth endure for ever.
4 His wondrous works he would
We still remember should,
His mercy faileth never.
5 Such as to him love bear,
A portion full fair
He hath up for them laid:
For this they shall well find,
He will them have in mind,
And keep them as he said.
6 For he did not disdain
His works to shew them plain,
By lightnings and by thunders:
When he the heathens land
Did give into their hand,
where they beheld his wonders.
7 Of all his works ensu'th
Both judgement, right, and truth,
Whereto his statutes tend:
8 They are decreed sure
For ever to endure,
Which equiry doth end.

Redemption he gave

His people for to save:

9 And hath also required,

His promise not to fail,

But always to prevail:

His holy name be feared.

10 Whoso with heart full fain

True wisdom would attain,

The Lord fear and obey:

Such as his laws do keep

Shall knowledge have full deep,

His praise shall last for ay.

Beatus vir. Psal. cxii. W. K.

He praiseth the felicity of them that fear God, and condemneth the cursed state of the contempters of God.

THe man is blest that God doth fear,

And that his law doth love indeed:

2 His seed on earth God will uprear,

And blest such as from him proceed.

3 His house with good he will fulfill,

His righteousness endure shall still.

4 Unto the righteous doth arise

In trouble joy, in darkness light.

Compassion is in his eyes,

And mercy always in his sight.

5 Yea, pity moveth such to lend,

He doth by judgement things expend.

6 And surely such shall never fail,

For in remembrance had is he:

7 No tidings ill can make him quail,

Who in the Lord sure hope doth see.

8 His heart is firm, his fear is past,

For he shall see his foes down cast.

9 He did well for the poor provide,

His righteousness shall still remain:

And his estate with praise abide,

Though that the wicked man disdain.

10 Yea, gnash his teeth thereat shall he,

And so consume his state to see.

Laudate pueri. Psal. cxiii. W. K.

An exhortation to praise the Lord for his providence, in that contrary to the course of nature he worketh in his Church.

YE children which do serve the Lord,

Praise ye his Name with one accord.

2 Yea, blessed be always his Name,

3 Who from the rising of the sun,

Till it return where it begun,

Is to be praised with great fame.

4 The Lord all people doth surmount;

As for his glory we may count,

Above the heavens high to be.

5 With God the Lord who may compare,

Whose dwellings in the heavens are?

Of such great power and force is he.

6 He doth abase himself, we know,

Things to behold both here below,

And also in heaven above.

7 The needy out of dust to draw,

And eke the poor which help none saw,

His onely mercy did him move.

8 And so him set in high degree

With princes of great dignity,

That rule his people with great fame.

9 The barren he doth make to bear,

And with great joy her fruit to rear:

Therefore praise ye his holy Name.

In exitu Israel. Psal. cxiv. W. W.

Israels delivery out of Egypt, putteth us in remembrance of Gods great mercies towards his children, and of our unthankfulness for the same.

When Israel by Gods address

from Pharaohs land was bent:

And Jacobs house the strangers left,

and in the same train went:

2 In Judah God his glory shew'd,

his holiness most bright:

So did the Israelites declare

his kingdom, power, and might.

3 The sea it saw, and suddenly

as all amaz'd did flee:

The roaring streams of Jordans flood

recoyled backwardly.

4 As rams afraid, the mountains skipt,

their strength did them forsake:

And as the filly trembling lambs,

their tops did beat and shake.

5 What ail'd thee sea, as all amaz'd,

so suddenly to flee?

Ye rolling waves of Jordans flood,

why ran ye backwardly?

6 Why shook ye hills, as rams afraid?

why did your strength so shake?

Why did your tops, as trembling lambs,

for fear quiver and quake?

7 O earth, confesse thy sovereign Lord,

and dread his mighty hand:

Before the face of Jacobs God

fear ye both sea and land.

8 I mean the God, which from hard rocks

doth cause main floods appear:

And from the stony flint doth cause

gush out the fountains clear.

Non nobis, Domine. Psal. cxv. N.

The faithfull oppressed by idolatrous tyrants, promise that they will be mindfull of so great a benefit, if it would please God to hear their prayer, and deliver them by his omnipotent power.

Not unto us, Lord, not to us,
but to thy Name give praise.

Both

Both for thy mercy and thy truth
that are in thee always.

2 Why ſhall the heathen ſcorners ſay,
Where is their God become?

3 Our God in heaven is, and what
he will, that hath he done.

4 Their idols ſilver are and gold,
works of mens hands they be:

5 They have a mouth, and do not ſpeak;
and eyes, and do not ſee:

6 And they have ears joyn'd to their heads,
and do not hear at all:

And noſes eke they formed have,
and do not ſmell withall.

7 And hands they have, and handle not;
and feet, and do not go:

A throat they have, yet through the ſame
they make no ſound to blow.

8 Thoſe that make them are like to them,
and thoſe whoſe truſt they be.

9 O Iſrael truſt in the Lord,
their help and ſhield is he.

10 O Aarons houſe truſt in the Lord,
their help and ſhield is he:

11 Truſt ye the Lord that fear the Lord,
their help and ſhield is he.

12 The Lord hath mindfull been of us,
and will us bleſs alſo:

On Iſrael and on Aarons houſe
his bleſſings he will ſhow.

13 Them that be fearers of the Lord,
the Lord will bleſs them all:

Even he will bleſs them every one,
the great and eke the ſmall.

14 To you (I ſay) the living Lord
will multiply his grace:

To you and to the children that
ſhall follow of your race.

15 Ye are the bleſſed of the Lord,
even of the Lord, I ſay:

Which both the heaven and the earth
hath made and ſet in ſtay.

16 The heavens, yea, the heavens high
belong unto the Lord:

The earth unto the ſons of men
he gave of free accord.

17 They that be dead do not with praiſe
ſet forth the Lords renown:

Nor any that into the place
of ſilence do go down.

18 But we will praiſe the Lord our God
from henceforth and for ay:

Sound ye the praiſes of the Lord,
praiſe ye the Lord, I ſay.

Dilexi quoniam. Pſal. cxvi. N.

*David being in great danger of Saul in the deſert of
Maon, perceiuing the great and ineſtimable love of*

*God toward him, magnifieth ſuch great mercies, and
proteſteth that he will be thankfull for the ſame.*

I Love the Lord, becauſe my voice
and prayer heard hath he:

2 When in my days I call'd on him,
he bow'd his ear to me.

3 Even when the ſnares of cruel death
about beſet me round:

When pains of hell me caught, and when
I wo and ſorrow found:

4 Upon the Name of God my Lord
then did I call, and ſay,

Deliver thou my ſoul, O Lord,
I do thee humbly pray.

5 The Lord is very mercifull,
and juſt he is alſo:

And in our God compaſſion
doth plentifully flow.

6 The Lord in ſafety doth preſerve
all thoſe that ſimple be:

I was in wofull miſery,
and he delivered me.

7 And now my ſoul, ſith thou art ſafe,
return unto thy reſt:

For largely, lo, the Lord to thee
his bounty hath expreſt.

8 Becauſe thou haſt delivered
my ſoul from deadly thrall:

My moiſtened eyes from mournfull tears,
my ſliding feet from fall:

9 Before the Lord I in the land
of life will walk therefore:

10 I did believe, therefore I ſpake,
for I was troubled ſore.

The ſecond part.

11 I ſaid in my diſtreſs and fear,
that all men liars be:

12 What ſhall I pay the Lord for all
his benefits to me?

13 The wholeſom cup of ſaving health
I thankfully will take:

And on the Lords Name I will call
when I my prayer make.

14 I to the Lord will pay the vows
that I to him behight:

Yea, even at this preſent time
in all his peoples fight.

15 Right dear and precious in his fight
the Lord doth ay eſteem

The death of all his holy ones,
what ever men do deem.

16 Thy ſervant, Lord, thy ſervant, lo,
I do my ſelf confeſs,

Son of thy hand-maid: thou haſt broke
the bonds of my diſtreſs.

17 And I will offer up to thee
a ſacrifice of praiſe:

And I will call upon the Name
of God the Lord always.

18 I to the Lord will pay the vows
that I have him behight,
Yea, even at this present time
in all his peoples sight.

19 Yea, in the courts of Gods own house,
and in the midst of thee,

O thou Jerusalem, I say,
wherefore the Lord praise ye.

Laudate Dominum. Psal. cxvii. N.

*He exhorteth the Gentiles to praise God, because he
hath accomplished as well to them, as to the Jews,
the promise of life everlasting by Jesus Christ.*

O All ye nations of the world,
praise ye the Lord always :
And all ye people every where
set forth his noble praise.

2 For great his kindness is to us,
his truth endures for ay :

Wherefore praise ye the Lord our God,
praise ye the Lord, I say.

Confitemini. Psal. cxviii. N.

*David rejected of Saul and of the people, at the time
appointed obtained the kingdom, for the which he
biddeth all men that fear the Lord to be thankful :
under whose person Christ is lively set forth, who
should be of his people rejected.*

O Give ye thanks unto the Lord,
for gracious is he :
Because his mercy doth endure
for ever towards thee.

2 Let Israel confesse and say,
His mercy dures for ay.

3 Now let the house of Aaron say,
His mercy dures for ay.

4 Let all that fear the Lord our God,
even now confesse and say,
The mercy of the Lord our God
endureth still for ay.

5 In trouble and in heaviness
unto the Lord I cri'd :
Which lovingly heard me at large,
my suit was not deny'd.

6 The Lord himself is on my side,
I will not stand in doubt,
Nor fear what man can do to me,
when God stands me about.

7 The Lord doth take my part with them
that help to succour me :
Therefore I shall see my desire
upon mine enemy.

8 Better it is to trust in God
then in mans mortal seed :

9 Or to put confidence in kings
or princes in our need.

10 All nations have inclosed me,
and compassed me round :
But in the Name of God shall I
mine enemies confound.

11 They kept me in on every side,
they kept me in, I say :
But in the Lords most mighty Name
I shall work their decay.

12 They came about me all like bees,
but yet in the Lords Name
I quencht their thorns that were on fire,
and will destroy the same.

The second part.

13 Thou hast with force thrust sore at me
that I indeed might fall :
But through the Lord I found such help
that they were vanquish't all.

14 The Lord is my defence and strength,
my joy, my mirth, my song :
He is become for me indeed
a Saviour most strong.

15 The right hand of the Lord our God
doth bring to pass great things :
He causeth voice of joy and health
in righteous mens dwellings.

16 The right hand of the Lord doth bring
most mighty things to pass :
His hand hath the preeminence,
his force is as it was.

17 I shall not die, but ever live
to utter and declare
The Lord his might and wondrous power,
his works, and what they are.

18 The Lord himself hath chastened
and hath corrected me :
But hath not given me over yet
to death, as ye may see.

19 Set open unto me the gates
of truth and righteousness :
That I may enter into them.
the Lords praise to express.

20 This is the gate even of the Lord,
which shall not so be shut,
But good and righteous men alway
shall enter into it.

The third part.

21 I will give thanks to thee, O Lord,
because thou hast heard me,
And art become most lovingly
a Saviour unto me.

22 The stone which e're this time among
the builders was refused,
Is now become the corner-stone,
and chiefly to be used,

23 This was the mighty work of God,
this was the Lords own fact :

And

And it is marvellous to behold
with eyes that noble act.
24 This is the joyfull day indeed,
which God himself hath wrought:
Let us be glad and joy therein
in heart, in mind, in thought.

25 Now help us, Lord, and prosper us,
we wish with one accord:
26 Blessed is he that comes to us
in the Name of the Lord.
27 God is the Lord that shews us light,
bind ye therefore with cord
Your sacrifice to the altar,
and give thanks to the Lord.

28 Thou art my God, I will confess,
and render thanks to thee:
Thou art my God, and I will praise
thy mercy towards me.
29 O give ye thanks unto the Lord,
for gracious is he:
Because his mercy doth endure
for ever towards me.

Beati immaculati. Psal. cxix. W. W.

*The prophet wonderfully commendeth Gods law,
wherein he cannot satisfie himself, nor exprest
sufficiently his affection thereunto, adding notable
complaints and consolations meet for the faithfull
to have both in heart and voice. In the Hebrew,
every eight verses begin with one letter of the al-
phabet.*

Blessed are they that perfect are,
and pure in mind and heart:
Whose lives and conversations
from Gods laws never start.
2 Blessed are they that give themselves
his statutes to observe:
Seeking the Lord with all their heart,
and never from him swerve.
3 Doubtless such men go not astray
nor do no wicked thing,
Which stedfastly walk in his way
without any wandring.
4 It is thy will and commandment,
that with attentive heed
Thy noble and divine precepts
we learn and keep indeed:
5 O would to God it might thee please
my ways so to address,
That I might both in heart and voice
thy laws keep and confess!
6 So should no shame my life attaint,
whilst I thus set mine eyes,
And bend my mind always to muse
on thy sacred decrees.
7 Then will I praise with upright heart,
and magnifie thy Name,

When I shall learn thy judgements just,
and likewise prove the same.
8 And wholly will I give my self
to keep thy laws most right:
Forfake me not for ever, Lord,
but shew thy grace and might.

B E T H. The second part.

9 By what means may a young man best
his life learn to amend?
If that he mark and keep thy word,
and therein his time spend.
10 Unfeignedly I have thee sought,
and thus seeking abide:
O never suffer me, O Lord,
from thy precepts to slide.
11 Within my heart and secret thoughts
thy words I have hid still:
That I might not at any time
offend thy godly will.
12 We magnifie thy Name, O Lord,
and praise thee evermore:
Thy statutes of most worthy fame,
O Lord, teach me therefore.
13 My lips have never ceast to preach
and publish day and night,
The judgements all which did proceed
from thy mouth full of might.
14 Thy testimonies and thy ways
please me no less indeed
Then all the treasures of the earth,
which worldlings make their meed.
15 Of thy precepts I will still muse,
and thereto frame my talk:
As at a mark, so will I aim
thy ways how I may walk.
16 My onely joy shall be so fixt,
and on thy laws so set:
That nothing can me so far blind,
that I thy words forget.

G I M E L. The third part.

17 Grant to thy servant now such grace
as may my life prolong:
Thy holy word then will I keep
both in my heart and tongue.
18 Mine eyes which were dim and shut up;
so open and make bright:
That of thy law and marvellous works
I may have the clear sight.
19 I am a stranger in this earth,
wandring now here now there:
Thy word therefore to me disclose
my footsteps for to clear.
20 My soul is ravishd with desire,
and never is at rest:
But seeks to know thy judgements high,
and what may please thee best.

- 21 The proud men and malicious
thou hast destroy'd each one :
And curst are such as do not
thy hefts attend upon.
- 22 Lord, turn from me rebuke and shame
which wicked men conspire :
For I have kept thy covenants
with zeal as hot, as fire.
- 23 The princes great in counsel sat,
and did against me speak :
But then thy servant thought how he
thy statutes might not break.
- 24 For why? thy covenants are my joy,
and my hearts great solace :
They serve in stead of counsellors
my matters for to pass.

D A L E T H. The fourth part.

- 25 I am, alas, as brought to grave,
and almost turn'd to dust :
Restore therefore my life again,
as thy promise is just.
- 26 My ways when I acknowledged,
with mercy thou didst hear :
Hear now effoon, and me instruct
thy laws to love and fear.
- 27 Teach me once thoroughly for to know
thy precepts and thy lore :
Thy works then will I meditate,
and lay them up in store.
- 28 My soul I feel so sore oppress'd,
that it melteth for grief :
According to thy word therefore
haste, Lord, to send relief.
- 29 From lying and deceitfull lips
let thy grace me defend :
And that I may learn thee to love,
thy holy law me send.
- 30 The way of truth both straight and sure
I have chosen and found :
I set thy judgements me before,
which keep me safe and sound.
- 31 Since then, O Lord, I forc'd my self
thy covenants to embrace :
Let me therefore have no rebuke
nor check in any case.
- 32 Then will I run with joyfull cheer
where thy word doth me call :
When thou hast set my heart at large,
and rid me out of thrall.

H E. The fifth part.

- 33 Instruct me, Lord, in the right trade
of thy statutes divine :
And it to keep even to the end
my heart will I incline.

- 34 Grant me the knowledge of thy law,
and I shall it obey :
With heart and mind and all my might
I will it keep, I say.
- 35 In the right paths of thy precepts
guide me, Lord, I require :
None other pleasure do I wish,
nor greater thing desire.
- 36 Incline my heart thy laws to keep,
and covenants to embrace :
And from all filthy avarice,
Lord, shield me with thy grace.
- 37 From vain desires and worldly lusts
turn back mine eyes and sight :
Give me the spirit of life and power
to walk thy ways aright.
- 38 Confirm thy gracious promise, Lord,
which thou hast made to me,
Which am thy servant, and do love
and fear nothing but thee.
- 39 Reproach and shame which I so fear,
from me, O Lord, expell :
For thou dost judge with equity,
and therein dost excell.
- 40 Behold, my hearts desire is bent
thy laws to keep for ay :
Lord, strengthen me so with thy grace
that it perform I may.

V A U. The sixth part.

- 41 Thy mercies great and manifold
let me obtain, O Lord :
Thy saving health let me enjoy,
according to thy word.
- 42 So shall I stop the slanderous mouths
of lewd men and unjust :
For in thy faithfull promises
stands my comfort and trust.
- 43 The word of truth within my mouth
let ever still be prest :
For in thy judgements wonderfull
my hope doth stand and rest.
- 44 And whil'st that breath within my brest
doth natural life preserve,
Yea, till this world shall be dissolv'd,
thy law will I observe.
- 45 So walk will I as set at large,
and made free from all dread :
Because I fought how for to keep
thy precepts and thy read.
- 46 Thy noble acts I will describe,
as things of most great fame :
Even before kings I will them blaze,
and shrink no whit for shame.
- 47 I will rejoyce then to obey
thy worthy hefts and will :
Which evermore I have lov'd best,
and so will love them still.

48 My hands I will lift to thy laws
which I have dearly sought :
And practise thy commandments
in will, in deed, in thought,

Z A I N. The seventh part.

49 Thy promise which thou mad'st to me
thy servant, Lord, remember :
For therein have I put my trust
and confidence for ever.
50 It is my comfort and my joy
when troubles me assail :
For were my life not by thy word,
my life would soon me fail.
51 The proud and such as God contemn:
still made of me a scorn :
Yet would I not thy law forsake,
as he that were forlorn :
52 But call'd to mind, Lord, thy great works
shew'd to our fathers old :
Whereby I felt the joy surmount
my grief an hundred-fold.
53 But yet, alas, for fear I quake,
seeing how wicked men
Thy law forsook, and did procure
thy judgements who knows when?
54 And as for me, I fram'd my songs
thy statutes to exalt,
When I among the strangers dwelt,
and thoughts gan me assault.
55 I thought upon thy Name, O Lord,
by night when others sleep :
As for thy law also I kept,
and ever will it keep.
56 This grace I did obtain, because
thy covenants sweet and dear
I did embrace, and also keep
with reverence and with fear.

H E T H. The eighth part.

57 O God which art my part and lot,
my comfort and my stay,
I have decreed and promised
thy laws to keep alway.
58 Mine earnest heart did humbly sue
in presence of thy face :
As thou therefore hast promised,
Lord, grant me of thy grace.
59 My life I have examined,
and tri'd my secret heart :
Which to thy statutes caused me
my feet straight to convert.
60 I did not stay nor linger long,
as they that slothfull are :
But hastily thy laws to keep
I did my self prepare.
61 The cruel bands of wicked men
have made of me their prey :

Yet would I not thy law forget,
nor from thee go astray.

62 Thy righteous judgements towards me
so great are and so high :
That even at midnight will I rise
thy Name to magnifie.

63 Companion am I to all them
which fear thee in their heart :
And never will for love nor dread
from thy commandments start.

64 Thy mercies, Lord, most plenteously
do all the world fulfill :
O teach me how I may obey
thy statutes and thy will.

T E T H. The ninth part.

65 According to thy promise, Lord,
so hast thou with me dealt :
For of thy grace in sundry sorts
have I thy servant felt.
66 Teach me to judge always aright,
and give me knowledge sure :
For certainly beleeve I do
that thy precepts are pure.
67 E're thou didst touch me with thy rod,
I err'd and went astray :
But now I keep thy holy word,
and make it all my stay.
68 Thou art both good and gracious,
and giv'st most liberally :
Thine ordinances how to keep
therefore, O Lord, teach me.
69 The proud and wicked men have forg'd
against me many a lie :
Yet thy commandments still observe
with all my heart will I.
70 Their hearts are swoln with worldly wealth,
as greafe so are they fat :
But in thy law do I delight,
and nothing seek but that.
71 O happy time, may I well say,
when thou didst me correct :
For as a guide to learn thy laws
thy rod did me direct
72 So that to me thy word and law
is dearer manifold
Then thousands great of silver and gold,
or ought that can be told.

J O D. The tenth part.

73 Seeing thy hands have made me, Lord,
to be thy creature :
Grant knowledge likewise how to learn
to put thy laws in ure.
74 So they that fear thee shall rejoyce
when ever they me see :
Because I have learn'd by thy word
to put my trust in thee.

- 75 When with thy rods the world is plagu'd,
I know the cause is just :
So when thou dost correct me, Lord,
the cause just needs be must.
76 Now of thy goodness I thee pray
some comfort to me send :
As thou to me thy servant hetit,
so from all ill me shend.
77 Thy tender mercies pour on me,
and I shall surely live :
For joy and consolation both
thy law to me doth give.
78 Confound the proud, whose false pretence
is me for to destroy :
But as for me, thy heits to know,
I will my self employ.
79 Whoso with reverence do thee fear,
to me let them retire :
And such as do thy covenants know,
and them alone desire.
80 My heart without all wavering
let on thy laws be bent :
That no confusion come to me,
whereby I should be shent.

C A P H. *The eleventh part.*

- 81 My soul doth faint, and ceaseth not
thy saving health to crave :
And for thy words sake still I trust
my hearts desire to have.
82 Mine eyes do fail with looking for
thy word, and thus I say,
Oh when wilt thou me comfort, Lord ?
why dost thou thus delay ?
83 As a skin-bottle in the smoke,
so am I parcht and dri'd :
Yet will I not out of my heart
let thy commandments slide.
84 Alas how long shall I yet live
before I see the hour,
That on my foes which me torment,
thy vengeance thou wilt pour ?
85 Presumptuous men have digged pits,
thinking to make me sure :
Thus contrary against thy law,
my hurt they do procure.
86 But thy commandments are all true,
and causeless they me grieve :
To thee therefore I do complain,
that thou might'st me relieve.
87 Almost they had me clean destroy'd,
and brought me quite to ground :
Yet by thy statutes I abode,
and therein succour found.
88 Restore me, Lord, again to life,
for thy mercies excell :
And so shall I thy covenants keep
till death my life expell.

L A M E D. *The twelfth part.*

- 89 In heaven, Lord, where thou dost dwell,
thy word is stablisht sure :
And shall for all eternity
fast graven there endure.
90 From age to age thy truth abides,
as doth the earth witness :
Whose ground-work thou hast laid so sure
as no tongue can express.
91 Even to this day we may well see
how all things persevere
According to thine ordinance,
for all things thee revere.
92 Had it not been that in thy law
my soul had comfort sought,
Long time e're now in my distress
I had been brought to nought.
93 Therefore will I thy precepts ay
in memory keep fast :
By them thou hast my life restor'd,
when I was at last cast.
94 No wight to me can title make,
for I am onely thine :
Save me therefore, for to thy laws
mine ears and heart incline.
95 The wicked men do seek my bane,
and thereto lie in wait :
But I the while considered
thy noble works and great.
96 I see nothing in this wide world
at length which hath not end :
But thy commandments and thy word
beyond all end extend.

M E M. *The thirteenth part.*

- 97 What great desire and fervent love
do I bear to thy law !
All the day long I meditate
on it with reverent aw.
98 Thy word hath taught me far to pass
my foes in policy :
For still I hold it as a thing
of most excellency.
99 My teachers which did me instruct,
in knowledge I excell :
Because I do thy covenants keep,
and them to others tell.
100 In wisdom I do pass also
the ancient men indeed :
And all because to keep thy laws
I held it ay best reed.
101 My feet I have refrained eke
from every evil way,
Because that I continually
thy word might keep, I say.
102 I have not swerv'd from thy judgements,
nor yet shrunk any dell :
For why ? thou hast me taught thereby
to live godly and well.

103 O Lord, how sweet unto my taste
find I thy words alway !
Doubtless no honey in my mouth
feel ought so sweet I may.
104 Thy laws have me such wisdom learn'd,
that utterly I hate
All wicked and ungodly ways,
in every kind or rate.

N U N. The fourteenth part.

105 Even as a lantern to my feet,
so doth thy word shine bright :
And to my paths where-e're I go
it is a flaming light.
106 I have both sworn and will perform
most certainly doubtless,
That I will keep thy judgements just,
and them in life express.
107 Affliction hath me sore oppress,
and brought me to deaths door :
O Lord, as thou hast promised,
so me to life restore.
108 The off rings which with heart and voice
most frankly I thee give,
Accept ; and teach me how I may
after thy judgements live.
109 My soul is ay so in my hand,
that dangers me assail :
Yet do I not thy law forget,
nor it to keep will fail.
110 Although the wicked laid their nets
to catch me at a bay,
Yet did I not from thy precepts
once swerve or go astray.
111 Thy law I have so claim'd alway
as mine own heritage :
And why ? for therein I delight,
and set my whole courage.
112 For evermore I have been bent
thy statutes to fulfill :
Even so likewise unto the end
I will continue still.

S A M E C H. The fifteenth part.

113 The crafty thoughts and double hearts
I do always detest :
But as for thy law and precepts,
I love them ever best.
114 Thou art my hid and secret place,
my shield of strong defence :
Therefore have I thy promises
lookt for with patience.
115 Go to therefore ye wicked men,
depart from me anon :
For the commandments will I keep
of God my Lord alone.
116 As thou hast promis'd so perform,
that death me not assail :

Nor let my hope abuse me so,
that through distrust I quail.

117 Uphold me, and I shall be safe
for ought they do or say :
And in thy statutes pleasure take
will I both night and day.
118 Thou hast trod such under thy feet
as do thy statutes break :
For nought avails their subtilty,
their counsel is but weak.
119 Like dross thou casts the wicked out
where-e're they go or dwell :
Therefore can I as thy statutes
love nothing half so well.
120 My flesh, alas, is taken with fear,
as though it were benumm'd :
For when I see thy judgements, straight
I am as one aston'd.

A I N. The sixteenth part.

121 I do the thing that lawfull is,
and give to all men right :
Resign me not to them that would
oppress me with their might.
122 But for thy servant surety be
in that thing that is good :
That proud men give me not the foil,
which rage as they were wood.
123 Mine eyes with waiting are now blind,
thy health so much I crave :
And eke thy righteous promise, Lord,
whereby thou wilt me save.
124 Entreat thy servant lovingly,
and favour to him show :
Thy statutes of most excellency
teach me also to know.
125 Thy humble servant, Lord, I am,
grant me to understand,
How by thy statutes I may know
best what to take in hand.
126 It is now time, Lord, to begin,
for truth is quite decal'd :
Thy law likewise they have transgress,
and none against them said.
127 This is the cause wherefore I love
thy laws better then gold,
Or jewels fine which are esteem'd
most costly to be sold.
128 I thought thy precepts all most just,
and so them laid in store :
All crafty and malicious ways
I do abhor therefore.

P E. The seventeenth part.

129 Thy cov'nants are most wonderfull;
and full of things profound :
My soul therefore doth keep them sure,
when they are tri'd and found.

130 When

130 When men first enter into thy word
they find a light most clear:
And very idiots understand
when they it read or hear.
131 For joy I have both gap'd and breath'd
to know thy commandment:
That I might guide my self thereby,
I sought what thing it meant.
132 Which mercy and compassion, Lord,
behold me from above,
As thou art wont to behold such
as thy Name fear and love.
133 Direct my footsteps by thy word,
that I thy will may know:
And never let iniquity
thy servant overthrow.
134 From slanderous tongues and deadly harms
preserve and keep me sure:
Thy precepts then will I observe,
and put them eke in ure.
135 Thy countenance which doth surmount
the sun in his bright hue,
Let shine on me, and by thy law
teach me what to eschew.
136 Out of mine eyes great floods gush out
of dreary tears and fell,
When I behold how wicked men
thy laws keep never a dell.

Z A D E. The eighteenth part.

137 In every point, Lord, thou art just,
the wicked though they grudge:
And when thou dost sentence pronounce,
thou art a righteous Judge.
138 To render right, and flee from guile,
are two chief points most high:
And such as thou hast in thy law
commanded us straitly.
139 With zeal and wrath I am consum'd
and even pin'd away,
To see my foes thy word forget,
for ought that I do may.
140 So pure and perfect is thy word,
as any heart can deem:
And I thy servant nothing more
do love or yet esteem.
141 And though I be nothing fet by,
as one of base degree:
Yet do I not thy laws forget,
nor shrink away from thee.
142 Thy righteousness, Lord, is most just,
for ever to endure:
Also thy law is truth it self,
most constant and most pure.
143 Trouble and grief have seiz'd on me,
and brought me wondrous low:
Yet do I still of thy precepts
delight to hear and know.

144 The righteousness of thy judgements
doth last for evermore:
Then teach them me, for even in them
my life lies up in store.

K O P H. The nineteenth part.

145 With fervent heart I call'd and cri'd,
now answer me, O Lord:
That thy commandments to observe
I may fully accord.
146 To thee, my God, I make my suit
with most humble request:
Save me therefore, and I will keep
thy precepts and thy hests.
147 To thee I cry even in the morn
before the day wax light:
Because that I have in thy word
my confidence whole plight.
148 Mine eyes prevent the watch by night,
and e're they call I wake:
That by devising on thy word
I might some comfort take.
149 Incline thine ears to hear my voice,
and pity on me take,
As thou wast wont, so judge me Lord,
lest life should me forsake.
150 My foes draw near, and do procure
my death maliciously,
Which from thy law are far gone back,
and stray'd from it lewdly.
151 Therefore, O Lord, approach thou near,
for need doth so require:
For all thy precepts true they are,
then help I thee desire.
152 But thy commandments have I learn'd
not now but long ago,
That they remain for evermore,
thou hast them grounded so.

R E S H. The twentieth part.

153 My trouble and affliction
consider and behold:
Deliver me, for of thy law
I ever take fast hold.
154 Defend my good and righteous cause,
with speed some succour send:
From death, as thou hast promised,
Lord, keep me and defend.
155 As for the wicked, far they are
from having health and grace:
Whereby they might thy statutes know
they enter not the trace.
156 Great are thy mercies, Lord, I grant,
what tongue can them attain:
And as thou hast me judg'd e're now,
so let me life obtain.
157 Though many men did trouble me,
and persecute me sore:

Yet from thy laws I never ſhrunk,
nor went awry therefore.
158 And truth it is, for grief I die
when I theſe traytours ſee:
Becauſe they keep no whit thy word,
nor yet ſeek to know thee.
159 Behold, for I do love thy laws
with heart moſt glad and fain:
As thou art good and gracious, Lord,
reſtore my life again.
160 What thy word doth decree muſt be,
and ſo it hath been ever:
Thy righteous judgements are alſo
moſt true, and decay never.

SCHIN. The one and twentieth part.

161 Princes have ſought by cruelty
cauſeleſſ to make me crouch:
But all in vain; for of thy word
the fear did my heart touch.
162 And certainly even of thy word
I was more merry and glad,
Then he that of rich ſpoils and prey
great ſtore and plenty had.
163 As for all lies and falſities,
I hate moſt and deteſt:
For why? thy holy law do I
above all things love beſt.
164 Seven times a day I praiſe the Lord,
ſinging with heart and voice:
Thy righteous acts and wonderfull
ſo cauſe me to rejoyce.
165 Great peace and reſt ſhall all ſuch have
as do thy ſtatutes love:
No danger ſhall their quiet ſtate
empair or once remove.
166 My onely health and comfort, Lord,
I look for at thy hand:
And therefore have I done thoſe things
which thou diſt me command.
167 Thy laws have been mine exerciſe,
which my ſoul moſt deſir'd:
So much to them my love was bent
that nought elſe I requir'd.
168 Thy ſtatutes and commandments
I kept (thou know'ſt) aſtrict:
For all the things that I have done
are preſent in thy ſight.

TAU. The two and twentieth part.

169 O Lord, let my complaint and cry
before thy face appear:
And as thou haſt me promiſe made,
ſo teach me thee to fear.
170 Mine humble ſupplication
toward thee let and accels:
And grant me, Lord, deliverance,
for ſo is thy promiſe.

171 Then ſhall my lips thy praifes ſpeak
after moſt ample ſort:
When thou thy ſtatutes haſt me taught,
wherein ſtands my comfort.
172 My tongue ſhall ſing and preach thy word,
and on this wiſe ſay ſhall,
Gods famous acts and noble laws
are juſt and perfect all.
173 Stretch out thy hand, I thee beſeech,
and ſpeedily me ſave:
For thy commandments to obſerve
choſen, O Lord, I have.
174 Of thee alone, Lord, I crave health,
for other I know none:
And in thy law and nothing elſe
I do delight alone.
175 Grant me therefore long days to live,
thy Name to magnifie:
And of thy judgements mercifull
let me the favour try.
176 For I was loſt and went aſtray
much like a wandring ſheep:
Oh ſeek me, for I have not fail'd
thy commandments to keep.

Ad Dominum. Pſal. cxx. T. S.

*David baniſhed among the barbarous Arabians,
through falſe reports of envious flatterers, lament-
eth his long abode among ſuch infidels given to all
kind of wickedneſſ and contention.*

IN trouble and in thrall
Unto the Lord I call,
And he doth me comfort.
2 Deliver me, I ſay,:
From liars lips alway,
And tongues of falſe report.
3 What vantage, or what thing,
Get't thou thus for to ſing,
Thou falſe and flatt'ring liar?
4 Thy tongue doth hurt, I ween,
No leſſ then arrows keen,
Or hot conſuming fire.
5 Alas! too long I ſlack
Within theſe tents ſo black,
Which Kedars are by name,
By whom the flock elect
And all of Iſaacs ſect
Are put to open ſhame:
6 With them that peace did hate
I came a peace to make
And ſet a quiet life:
7 But when my tale was told,
Cauſeleſſ I was controll'd
By them that would have ſpoil'd.

Levavi oculos. Pſal. cxxi. W. W.

*The prophet ſheweth by his own example, that the
faithfull ought to look for all their ſuccour of God
alone.*

alone, who will govern and give good success to
all their godly enterprises.

I Lift mine eyes to Sion hill

From whence I do attend

That succour God me send.

2 The mighty God me succour will,

Which heaven and earth framed,

And all things therein named.

3 Thy foot from slip he will preserve,

And will thee safely keep,

For he will never sleep,

4 Lo he that doth Israel conserve

No sleep at all can him catch,

But his eyes shall ever watch.

5 The Lord is thy warrant alway,

The Lord eke doth thee cover

As at thy right hand ever:

6 The sun shall not thee parch by day,

Nor the moon not half so bright

Shall with cold thee hurt by night.

7 The Lord will keep thee from distress,

And will thy life sure save:

8 And thou shalt also have

In all thy business good success.

Where ever thou goest in or out,

God will thy things bring about.

Latatus sum. Psal. cxxii. W. K.

David rejoiceth that God accomplished his promise,
and placed his ark in Sion, giving thanks, and
praying for the prosperity of the Church.

I Did in heart rejoyce

To hear the peoples voice,

In offering so willingly:

2 For let us up, say they,

And in the Lords house pray:

Thus spake the folk full lovingly.

3 Our feet that wandred wide

Shall in thy gates abide,

O thou Jerusalem full fair,

Which art so seemly set

Much like a city neat,

The like whereof is not elsewhere.

4 The tribes with one accord,

The tribes of God the Lord

Are thither bent their way to take:

So God before did tell

That there his Israel

Their prayers should together make:

5 For there are thrones erect,

And that for this respect,

To set forth justice orderly:

Which thrones right to maintain

To Davids house pertain,

His folk to judge accordingly.

6 To pray let us not cease

For Jerusalems peace,

Thy friends God prosper mightily:

7 Peace be thy walls about,

And prosper thee throughout

Thy palaces continually.

8 I wish thy prosperous state

For my poor brethrens sake,

That comfort have by means of thee.

9 Gods house doth me allure

Thy wealth for to procure

So much always as lies in me.

Ad se levavi. Psal. cxxiii. T. S.

A prayer of the faithfull, which are afflicted by the
wicked worldlings and contemners of God.

O Lord that heaven dost possess,

I lift mine eyes to thee:

2 Even as the servant listeth his,

his masters hands to see,

As hand-maids watch their mistresses hand

some grace for to achieve:

So we behold the Lord our God,

till he do us forgive.

3 Lord, grant us thy compassion,

and mercy in thy sight:

For we are fill'd and overcome

with hatred and despight.

4 Our minds be stuff with great rebuke,

the rich and worldly wile

Do make of us their mocking-stocks,

the proud do us despise.

Nisi quia Dom. Psal. cxxiv. W. W.

The faithfull delivered out of great danger, acknow-
ledge not to have escaped by their own power, but
through the favour of God.

Now Israel

may say, and that truly,

If that the Lord

had not our cause maintain'd;

2 If that the Lord

had not our right sustain'd,

When all the world

against us furiously

Made their uproars,

and said we should all die:

3 Now long ago

they had devour'd us all,

And swallow'd quick,

for ought that we could deem:

Such was their rage,

as we might well esteem.

4 And as the floods

with mighty force do fall:

So had they now

our lives even brought to thrall.

5 The raging streams,

most proud in roaring noise,

Had long ago

o'whelm'd us in the deep:

6 But lov'd be God
which doth us safely keep
From bloudy teeth,
and their most cruel voice,
Which as a prey,
to eat us would rejoyce.

7 Even as a bird
out of the fowlers grin
Escapes away,
right so it fares with us :
Broke are their nets,
and we have scaped thus.

8 God that made heaven
and earth is our help then :
His Name hath sav'd
us from these wicked men.

Qui confidunt. Psal. cxxv. W. K.

*He describeth the assurance of the faithfull in their
afflictions, and desireth their wealth, and the de-
struction of the wicked.*

Such as in God the Lord do trust,
As mount Sion shall firmly stand,
And be removed at no hand.
The Lord will count them right and just :
So that they shall be sure
For ever to endure.

2 As mighty mountains huge and great
Jerusalem about do close :
So will the Lord do unto those
Who on his godly will do wait :
Such are to him so dear,
They never need to fear.

3 For though the righteous try doth he
By making wicked men his rod,
Lest they through grief forsake their God,
It shall not as their lot still be.

4 Give, Lord, to us thy light,
Whose hearts are true and right.

5 But as for such as turn aside
By crooked ways which they out sought,
The Lord will surely bring to nought ;
With workers vile they shall abide :
But peace with Israel
For evermore shall dwell.

Another of the same, by R. W.

Those that do put their confidence
Upon the Lord our God onely,
And flee to him for their defence
In all their need and misery :
Their faith is sure still to endure,
Grounded on Christ the corner-stone,
Mov'd with none ill, but standeth still
Stedfast like to the mount Sion.

And as about Jerusalem
The mighty hills do it compass,

So that no enemies come to them
To hurt that town in any case :
So God indeed in every need
His faithfull people doth defend,
Standing them by assuredly
From this time forth world without end.

Right wife and good is our Lord God,
And will not suffer certainly
The sinners and ungodlies rod.
To tarry upon his family :
Lest they also from God should go,
Falling to sin and wickedness.
O Lord, defend world without end
Thy Christian flock through thy goodneis.

O Lord, do good to Christians all
That stedfast in thy word abide :
Such as willingly from God fall,
And to false doctrine daily slide,
Such will the Lord scatter abroad
With hypocrites thrown down to hell,
God will them send pains without end :
But, Lord, grant peace to Israel.

Glory to God the Father of might,
And to the Son our Saviour,
And to the holy Ghost, whose light
Shine in our hearts, and us succour :
That the right way from day to day
We may walk, and him glorifie :
With hearts desire all that are here
Worship the Lord, and say, Amen.

In convertendo. Psal. cxxvi. l. . . .

*This psalm was made after the return of the people
from Babylon, and sheweth that the means of their
deliverance was wonderfull, after the seventy years
of captivity, fore-spoken of by Jeremy, chap. 25.
12. and 29. 10.*

When that the Lord
again his Sion had forth brought
From bondage great,
and also servitude extreme ;
His work was such
as did surmount mans heart and thought :
So that we were
much like to them that use to dream.

2 Our mouths were
with laughter filled then,
And eke our tongues
did shew us joyfull men.

The heathen folk
were forced then this to confess,
How that the Lord
for them also great things had done.

3 But much more we,
and therefore can confess no less :
Wherefore to joy
we have good cause as we begun.

4 O Lord, go forth,
thou canst our bondage end :
As to deserts
the flowing rivers send,
5 Full true it is
that they which sow in tears indeed,
A time will come
when they shall reap in mirth and joy.
6 They went and wept
in bearing of their precious seed,
For that their foes
full oftentimes did them annoy :
But their return
with joy they shall sure see,
Their sheaves home bring,
and not empai'd be.

Nisi Dom. Psal. cxxvii. W. W.

*It is not mans wit, power, or labour, but the free
goodness of God that giveth riches, preserveth
towns and countreys, granteth nourishment, and
children.*

EXcept the Lord the house doth make,
And thereunto doth set his hand :

What men do build it cannot stand.
Likewise in vain men undertake
Cities and holds to watch and ward,
Except the Lord be their safeguard.

2 Though ye rise early in the morn,
And so at night go late to bed,
Feeding full hardly with brown bread,
Yet were your labour lost and worn :
But they whom God doth love and keep,
Receive all things with quiet sleep.

3 Therefore mark well when-ever ye see
That men have heirs to enjoy their land,
It is the gift of Gods own hand :
For God himself doth multiply
Of his great liberality
The blessing of posterity.

4 And when the children come to age
They grow in strength and activeness,
In person and in comeliness :

So that a shaft shot with courage
Of one that hath a most strong arm,
Flies not so swift, nor doth like harm.

5 Oh well is he that hath his quiver
Furnisht with such artillery :
For when in peril he shall be,

Such one shall never shake nor shiver,
When that he pleads before the judge
Against his foes that bear him grudge.

Beati omnes. Psal. cxxviii. T. S.

*Herein he describeth the prosperous estate of persons
married in the fear of God ; and the promises of*

*Gods blessings to all them that live in this honour-
able estate according to Gods commandments.*

Blessed art thou that fearest God,
and walkest in his way :

2 For of thy labour thou shalt eat,
happy art thou, I say.

3 Like fruitfull vines on thy house-side
so doth thy wife spring out :

Thy children stand like olive-plants
thy table round about.

4 Thus art thou blest that fearest God,
and he shall let thee see,

5 The promised Jerusalem
and her felicity.

6 Thou shalt thy childrens children see,
to thy great joys increase :

And likewise grace on Israel,
prosperity and peace.

Sape expugnaverunt. Psal. cxxix. N.

*He admonisheth the Church to rejoyce, though afflict-
ed in all ages : for God will deliver it, and sud-
denly destroy the enemies thereof.*

Oft they (now Israel may say)
me from my youth assail'd :

2 Oft they assail'd me from my youth,
yet never they prevail'd.

3 Upon my back the plowers plow'd,
and furrows long did cast :

4 The righteous Lord hath cut the cords
of wicked foes at last.

5 They that hate me shall be asham'd,
and turned back also :

6 And made as grass upon the house,
which with'reth ere it grow :

7 Whereof the mower cannot find
enough to fill his hand :

Nor can he fill his lap, that goeth
to glean upon the land.

8 Nor passers by pray God on them
to let his blessing fall :

Nor say, We bless you in the Name
of God the Lord at all.

De profundis. Psal. cxxx. W. W.

*An effectual prayer to obtain mercy and forgiveness
of his sins, and at length deliverance from all evils.*

Lord, to thee I make my moan
when dangers me oppress :

I call, I sigh, plain, and groan,
trusting to find release.

2 Hear now, O Lord, my request,
for it is full due time :

And let thine ears ay be prest
unto this prayer mine.

3 O Lord our God, if thou weigh
our sins and them peruse:
Who shall then escape, and say,
I can my self excuse?
4 But, Lord, thou art mercifull,
and turn'st to us thy grace,
That we with hearts most carefull
should fear before thy face.
5 In God I put my whole trust,
my soul waits on his will:
For his promise is most just,
and I hope therein still.
6 My soul to God hath regard,
wishing for him alway
More then they that watch and ward
to see the dawning day.
7 Let Israel then boldly
in the Lord put his trust:
He is that God of mercy
that his deliver must.
8 For he it is that must save
Israel from his sin,
And all such as surely have
their confidence in him.

Domine, non est. Psal. cxxxi. M.

*David charged with ambition, protesteth his humility
before God.*

O Lord, I am not puffed in mind,
I have no scornfull eye:
I do not exercise my self
in things that be too high.
2 But as the child that weaned is
even from his mothers brest:
So have I, Lord, behav'd my self
in silence and in rest.
3 O Israel, trust in the Lord,
let him be all thy stay,
From this time forth for evermore,
from age to age, I say.

Memento, Dom. Psal. cxxxii. M.

*The faithfull, grounding on Gods promise made un-
to David, desire that he would establish the same,
both as touching his posterity, and the build-
ing of the temple, to pray there as it was fore-
spoken.*

Remember Davids troubles, Lord,
how to the Lord he swore,
2 And vow'd a vow to Jacobs God,
to keep for evermore
3 I will not come within my house,
nor climb up to my bed,
4 Nor let my temples take their rest,
nor the eyes in my head,

5 Till I have found out for the Lord
a place to sit thereon:
And house for Jacobs God to be
an habitation.
6 We heard of it at Ephrata,
there did we hear this sound:
And in the fields and forrests there
these voices first were found.
7 We will assay, and go in now
his tabernacle there,
Before his footstool to fall down,
and worship him in fear.
8 Arise, O Lord, arise, I say,
into thy resting-place:
Both thou and the ark of thy strength,
the presence of thy grace.
9 Let all thy priests be clothed, Lord,
with truth and righteousness:
Let all thy saints and holy men
sing all with joyfulness.
10 And for thy servant Davids sake,
refuse not, Lord, I say,
The face of thine anointed, Lord,
nor turn thy face away.

The second part.

11 The Lord to David swore in truth,
and will not shrink from it,
Saying, The fruit of thy body
upon thy seat shall sit.
12 And if thy sons my covenant keep,
that I shall learn each one:
Then shall their sons for ever sit
upon thy princely throne.
13 The Lord himself hath chose Sion,
and loves therein to dwell,
14 Saying, This is my resting-place,
I love and like it well.
15 And I will blest with great increase
her victuals every where:
And I will satisfie with bread
the needy that be there.
16 Yea, I will deck and clothe her priests
with my salvation:
And all her Saints shall sing for joy
of my protection.
17 There will I surely make the horn
of David for to bud:
For there I have ordain'd for mine
a lantern bright and good.
18 As for his enemies, I will clothe
with shame for evermore:
But I will cause his crown to shine
more fresh then heretofore.

Ecce quam. Psal. cxxxiii. W. W.

*The commendation of godly and brotherly amity, com-
pared to the most precious oyl, mentioned, Exod. 30.*

O How happy a thing it is,
and joyfull for to see,

Brethren together fast to hold
the band of amity !
2 It calls to mind that sweet perfume,
and that costly ointment,
Which on the sacrificers head
by Gods precept was spent.
It wet not Aarons head alone,
but drencht his beard throughout,
And finally it did run down
his rich attire about.
3 And as the lower ground doth drink
the dew of Hermon hill,
And Sion with his silver drops
the fields with fruit doth fill :
Even so the Lord doth pour on them
his blessings manifold,
Whose hearts and minds without all guile
this knot do keep and hold.

Ecce nunc. Psal. cxxxiv. W. W.

*He exhorteth the Levites that watch in the temple,
to praise the Lord.*

BEhold and have regard,
ye servants of the Lord,
Which in his house by night do watch :
praise him with one accord.
2 Lift up your hands on high
unto his holy place,
And give the Lord his praises due,
his benefits embrace.
3 For why ? the Lord who did
both earth and heaven frame,
Doth Sion bless, and will conserve
for evermore the same.

Laudate Nomen. Psal. cxxxv. N.

*He exhorteth all the faithfull, to praise God for his
marvellous works and graces, wherein he hath de-
clared his majesty, to the confusion of all idolatry.*

O Praise the Lord, praise him, praise him,
praise him with one accord :
O praise him still all ye that be
the servants of the Lord :
2 O praise him ye that stand and be
in the house of the Lord :
Ye of his court, and of his house,
praise him with one accord.
3 Praise ye the Lord, for he is good,
sing praises to his Name :
It is a comely and good thing
always to do the same.
4 For why ? the Lord hath chose Jacob
his very own ye see :
So hath he chosen Israel
his treasure for to be.
5 For this I know and am right sure,
the Lord is very great :

He is indeed above all gods
most easie to intreat.
6 For whatsoever pleased him
all that full well he wrought :
In heaven, in earth, and in the sea,
which he hath made of nought.
7 He lifts up clouds even from the earth,
he makes lightnings and rain,
He bringeth forth the winds also,
he made nothing in vain.
8 He smote the first-born of each thing
in Egypt that took rest :
He spared there no living thing,
the man nor yet the beast.
9 He hath in thee shew'd wonders great,
O Egypt void of vaunts,
On Pharaoh thy cursed king,
and his severe servants.
10 He smote then many nations,
and did great acts and things :
He slew the great and mightiest
and chiefest of their kings.
11 Sehon king of the Amorites,
and Og king of Basan :
He slew also the kingdoms all
that were of Canaan :
12 And gave their land to Israel,
an heritage we see,
To Israel his own people,
an heritage to be.

The second part.

13 Thy Name, O Lord, shall still endure,
and thy memorial
Throughout all generations :
that are or ever shall.
14 The Lord will surely now avenge
his people all indeed :
And to his servants he will shew
favour in time of need.
15 The idols of the heathen are made
in all the coasts and lands ;
Of silver and of gold they be,
the work even of mens hands.
16 They have their mouths, and cannot speak,
and eyes that have no sight :
17 They have eke ears, and hear nothing,
their mouths be breathless quite.
18 Wherefore all they are like to them
that so do set them forth :
And likewise those that trust in them,
or think they be ought worth.
19 O all ye house of Israel,
see that ye praise the Lord :
And ye that be of Aarons house,
praise him with one accord.
20 And ye that be of Levi's house,
praise ye likewise the Lord :

And

And ye that stand in aw of him,
praise him with one accord.
21 And out of Sion sound his praise,
the great praise of the Lord
Which dwelleth in Jerusalem :
praise him with one accord.

Confitemini Dom. Psal. cxxxvi. N.

*A most earnest exhortation to give thanks unto God
for the creation and governance of all things.*

Praise ye the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy endureth for ever.
2 Give praise unto the God of gods,
for his mercy endureth for ever.
3 Give praise unto the Lord of lords,
for his mercy endureth for ever.
4 Which onely doth great wondrous works,
for his mercy endureth for ever.
5 Which by his wisdom made the heavens,
for his mercy endureth for ever.
6 Which on the waters stretcht the earth,
for his mercy endureth for ever.
7 Which made great lighes to shine abroad,
for his mercy endureth for ever.
8 As sun to rule the lightfom day,
for his mercy, &c.
9 The moon and stars to guide the night,
for his mercy, &c.
10 Which smote Egypt with their first-born,
for his mercy, &c.
11 And Israel brought out from thence,
for his mercy, &c.
12 With mighty hand and stretched arm,
for his mercy, &c.
13 Which cut the Red sea in two parts,
for his mercy, &c.
14 And Israel made pass there-through,
for his mercy, &c.
15 And drowned Pharaoh and his host,
for his mercy, &c.
16 Through wilderness his people led,
for his mercy, &c.
17 He which did smite great noble kings,
for his mercy, &c.
18 And which hath slain the mighty kings,
for his mercy, &c.
19 As Schon king of Amorites,
for his mercy, &c.
20 And Og the king of Basan land,
for his mercy, &c.
21 And gave their land for heritage,
for his mercy, &c.
22 Even to his servant Israel,
for his mercy, &c.
23 Remembring us in base estate,
for his mercy, &c.
24 And from oppressours rescued us,
for his mercy, &c.

25 Which giveth food unto all flesh,
for his mercy, &c.
26 Praise ye the Lord of heaven above,
for his mercy endureth for ever.
27 Give thanks unto the Lord of lords,
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Another of the same, by T. C.

O Laud the Lord benign,
Whose mercies last for ay :
2 Give thanks and praises sing
To God of gods, I say.

For certainly
His mercies dure
Both firm and sure
Eternally.

3 The Lord of lords praise ye,
Whose mercies ay do dure :

4 Great wonders onely he
Doth work by his great power.
For certainly, &c.

5 Which God omnipotent
By his great wisdom high
The heavenly firmament
Did frame as we may see.
For certainly, &c.

6 Yea, he the heavy charge
Of all the earth did stretch :
And on the waters large
The same he did out-reach.
For certainly, &c.

7 Great lights he made to be ;
For why? his love is ay :

8 Such is the sun we see,
To rule the lightfom day.
For certainly, &c.

9 And eke the moon so clear
Which shineth in our sight,
And stars that do appear,
To guide the darkfom night.
For certainly, &c.

10 With grievous plagues and sore
All Egypt smote he than :
The first-born less and more
He slew of beast and man.
For certainly, &c.

11 And from amidst their land
His Israel forth brought :

12 Which he with mighty hand
And stretched arm hath wrought.
For certainly, &c.

13 The sea he cut in two,
Which stood up like a wall :

14 And made through it to go
His chosen children all.
For certainly, &c.

15 But there he whelmed them
The proud king Pharaoh,
With his huge host of men,
And chariots eke also.
For certainly, &c.

16 Who led through wilderness
His people safe and sound :

17 And for his love endless
Great kings he brought to ground.
For certainly, &c.

18 And slew with puissant hand
Kings mighty and of fame :

19 As of Amorites land
Sehon the king by name.
For certainly, &c.

20 And Og (the giant large)
Of Basan king also :

21 Whose land for heritage
He gave his people tho.
For certainly, &c.

22 Even unto Israel
His servant dear, I say,
He gave the same to dwell
And there abide for ay.
For certainly, &c.

23 To mind he did us call
In our most base degree :

24 And from oppressours all
In safety set us free.
For certainly, &c.

25 All flesh in earth abroad
With food he doth fulfill :

26 Wherefore of heaven the God
To laud be it your will.
For certainly, &c.

Super flumina. Psal. cxxxvii. W. W.

The Israelites in their captivity bearing the Caldeans reproach and blaspheme God and his Religion, desire God to punish the Edumites, and provoked the Babylonians against them, and prophesie the destruction of Babylon.

When as we sat in Babylon
the rivers round about,
And in remembrance of Sion
the tears for grief burst out :

2 We hang'd our harps and instruments
the willow-trees upon :
For in that place men for their use
had planted many a one.

3 Then they to whom we prisoners were,
said to us tauntingly,
Now let us hear your Hebrew songs,
and pleasant melody.

4 Alas ! said we, who can once frame
his sorrowfull heart to sing
The praises of our loving God,
thus under a strange king ?

5 But yet if I Jerusalem
out of my heart let slide :

Then let my fingers quite forget
the warbling harp to guide.

6 And let my tongue within my mouth
be ty'd for ever fast,
If that I joy before I see
thy full deliverance past.

7 Therefore, O Lord, remember now
the cursed noise and cry

That Edoms sons against us made,
when they ras'd our city.

Remember, Lord, their cruel words,
when as with one accord

They cry'd, On, sack, and rase their walls,
in despite of their Lord.

8 Even so shalt thou, O Babylon,
at length to dust be brought :

And happy shall that man be call'd,
that our revenge hath wrought.

9 Yea, blessed shall that man be call'd,
that takes thy children young

To dash their bones against hard stones
that lie the streets among.

Confitebor tibi. Psal. cxxxviii. IV.

David praiseth the goodness of God towards him, for which even foreign princes shall praise the Lord together with him : and he is assured to have like comfort of God hereafter, as heretofore.

Thou wilt I praise with my whole heart,
my Lord my God, always :

Even in the presence of the gods

I will advance thy praise.

2 Toward thy holy temple I

will look and worship thee :

And praised in my thankfull mouth
thy holy Name shall be.

Even for thy loving kindness sake,

and for thy truth withalt :

For thou thy Name hast by thy word
advanced over all.

3 When I did call thou heardest me,
and thou hast made also

The power of increased strength
within my soul to grow.

4 Yea, all the kings on earth they shall
give praise to thee, O Lord :

For they of thy most holy mouth
have heard the mighty word.

5 They of the ways of God the Lord
in singing shall entreat :

Because the glory of the Lord
it is exceeding great.

6 The Lord is high, and yet he doth
behold the lowly sprite :

But he (contemning) knows afar
the proud and lofty wight.

7 Although

7 Although in miſt of trouble I
do walk, yet ſhall I ſtand
Renewed by thee: O my Lord,
thou wilt ſtretch out thy hand
Upon the wrath of all my foes,
and ſaved ſhall I be
By thy right hand: the Lord God will
perform his work to me.
8 Thy mercy, Lord, endures for ay,
Lord, do me not forſake:
Forſake me not that am the work
which thine own hand did make.

Domine, probaſti. Pſal. cxxxix. N.
David, to cleaſe his heart from all hypocriſie, ſhew-
eth that nothing is ſo ſecret which God ſeeth not.
After declaring his zeal and fear of God, he pro-
teſteth to be an enemy to all them that contemn God.

O Lord, thou haſt me try'd and known,
my fitting thou doſt know
2 And riſing eke, my thoughts aſar
thou underſtand'ſt alſo.
3 My paths, yea, and my lying down
thou compaſſeſt always:
And by familiar cuſtom art
acquainted with my ways.
4 No word is in my tongue, O Lord,
but known it is to thee:
5 Thou me behind hold'ſt and before,
thou lay'ſt thine hand on me.
6 Too wonderfull above my reach,
Lord, is thy cunning ſkill:
It is ſo high that I the ſame
cannot attain untill.
7 From ſight of thy all-ſeeing Spirit,
Lord, whither ſhall I go?
Or whither ſhall I fly away
thy preſence to ſcape fro?
8 To heaven if I mount aloft,
lo, thou art preſent there:
In hell if I lie down below,
even there thou doſt appear.
9 Yea, let me take the morning wings,
and let me go and bide
Even there where are the fartheſt parts,
where flowing ſea doth ſlide:
10 Yea, even thither alſo ſhall
thy reaching hand me guide;
And thy right hand ſhall hold me faſt,
and make me to abide.
11 Yea, if I ſay, The darkneſs ſhall
yet ſhroud me from thy ſight:
Lo, even alſo the darkeſt night
about me ſhall be light.
12 Yea, darkneſs hideth not from thee,
but night doth ſhine as day:
To thee the darkneſs and the light
are both alike alway.

The ſecond part.

13 For thou poſſeſſed haſt my reins,
and thou haſt covered me.
When I within my mothers womb
encloſed was by thee.
14 Thee will I praiſe, made fearfully
and wondrously I am:
Thy works are marvellous, right well
my ſoul doth know the ſame.
15 My bones they are not hid from thee,
although in ſecret place
I have been made, and in the earth
beneath I ſhaped was.
16 When I was formleſs, then thine eye
ſaw me: for in thy book
Were written all, nought was before
that after faſhion took.
17 The thoughts therefore of thee, O God,
how dear are they to me!
And of them all how paſſing great
the endleſs number be!
18 If I ſhould count them, lo, their ſum
more then the ſand I ſee:
And whenſoever I awake
yet am I ſtill with thee.
19 The wicked and the bloody men
O that thou wouldeſt ſlay!
Even thoſe O God, to whom, Depart,
depart from me, I ſay.
20 Even thoſe of thee, O Lord my God,
that ſpeak full wickedly:
Thoſe that are liſted up in vain,
being enemies to thee.
21 Hate I not them that hate thee, Lord,
and that in earneſt wiſe?
Content I not againſt them all
againſt thee that ariſe?
22 I hate them with unfeigned hate,
even as my utter foes.
23 Try me, O God, and know my heart,
my thoughts prove and diſcloſe.
24 Conſider, Lord, if wickedneſs
in me there any be:
And in thy way, O God my Guide,
for ever lead thou me.

Eripe me. Pſal. cxi. N.

David prayeth unto the Lord, againſt the cruelty,
falſhood, and injuries of his enemies, aſſuring him-
ſelf of his ſuccour. Wherefore he provoketh the juſt
to praiſe the Lord, and to aſſure themſelves of his
tuition.

L Lord, ſave me from the evil man,
and from the cruel wight:
2 And from all thoſe which evil do
imagine in their ſprite.
Which make on me continual war,
their tongues lo they have wher

- 3 Like serpents; underneath their lips
is adders poison set.
- 4 Keep me, O Lord, from wicked hands,
preserve me to abide
Free from the cruel man, that means
to cause my steps to slide.
- 5 The proud have laid a snare for me,
and they have spread a net
With cords in my path-way, and grins
for me eke have they set.
- 6 Therefore I said unto the Lord,
thou art my God alone:
Hear me, O Lord, O hear the voice
wherewith I pray and mone.
- 7 O Lord my God, thou onely art
the strength that saveth me:
My head in day of battel hath
been covered still by thee.
- 8 Let not, O Lord, the wicked have
the end of his desire:
Perform not his ill thoughts, lest he
with pride be set on fire.
- 9 Of them that compass me about,
the chiefeft of them all,
Lord, let the mischief of their lips
upon themselves befall.
- 10 Let coals fall on them, let him cast
them in consuming flame,
And in deep pits; so as they may
not rise out of the same.
- 11 For no backbiter shall on earth
be set in stable plight:
And evil to destruction still
shall hunt the cruel wight.
- 12 I know the Lord th' afflicted will
revenge, and judge the poor:
- 13 The just shall praise thy Name: just shall
dwell with thee evermore.

Domine, clamavi. Psal. cxli. N.

David being grievously persecuted under Saul, desireth succour and patience till God take vengeance on his enemies.

- O Lord, upon thee do I call,
Lord, haste thee unto me:
And hearken, Lord, unto my voice
when I do cry to thee.
- 1 As incense, let my prayers be
directed in thine eyes:
And the uplifting of my hands
as evening sacrifice.
- 3 My Lord, for guiding of my mouth
set thou a watch before:
And also of my moving lips,
O Lord, keep thou the door.
- 4 That I should wicked works commit
incline thou not my heart:

- With ill men of their delicates,
Lord, let me eat no part.
- 5 But let the righteous smite me, Lord,
for that is good for me:
Let him reprove me, and the same
a precious oyl shall be.
Such smiting shall not break my head,
the time shall shortly fall
When I shall in their misery
make prayers for them all.
- 6 Then when in stony places down
their judges shall be cast:
Then shall they hear my words, for then
they have a pleasant taste.
- 7 Our bones about the graves mouth
so scatt' red are they found:
As he that heweth wood, or he
that diggeth up the ground.
- 8 But, O my Lord my God, mine eyes
do look up unto thee:
In thee is all my trust, let not
my soul forsaken be.
- 9 Which they have laid to catch me in,
Lord, keep me from the snare,
And from the subtil grins of them
that wicked workers are.
- 10 The wicked into their own nets
together let them fall:
While I do by thy help escape
the danger of them all.

Voce mea. Psal. cxlii. N.

David neither for fear nor anger would kill Saul, but with a quiet mind prayed unto God, who preserved him.

- Before the Lord God with my voice
I did send out my cry:
And with my strained voice unto
the Lord God prayed I.
- 2 My meditation in his sight
to pour I did not spare:
And in the presence of the Lord
my trouble did declare.
- 3 Although perplexed was my spirit,
my path was known to thee:
In way where I did walk, a snare
they slyly laid for me.
- 4 I look'd and view'd on my right hand,
but none there would me know:
All refuge failed me, and for
my soul none cared tho.
- 5 Then cry'd I, Lord, to thee, and said,
my hope thou onely art:
Thou in the land of living art
my portion and my part.
- 6 Heark to my cry, for I am brought
full low, deliver me
From them that do me persecute,
for me too strong they be.

7 That I may praise thy Name, my soul
from prison, Lord, bring out:
When thou art good to me, the just
shall press me round about.

Domine, exaudi. Pſal. cxliii. N.

An earnest prayer for remission of sins, acknowledging that the enemies did cruelly persecute him by Gods just judgement. He desireth to be restored to grace, to be governed by his holy Spirit, that he may spend the rest of his life in the true fear and service of God.

Lord, hear my prayer, heark the plaint
that I do make to thee:
Lord, in thy native truth and in
thy justice answer me.
2 In judgement with thy servant, Lord,
O enter not at all:
For justifi'd be in thy sight
not one that liveth shall.
3 The enemy hath pursu'd my soul,
my life to ground hath thrown:
And laid me in the dark, like them
that dead are long ago.
4 Within me in perplexity
was mine accumbred sprite:
And in me was my troubled heart
amazed and affright.
5 Yet I record time past, in all
thy works I meditate:
Yea, in thy works I meditate
that thy hands have create.
6 To thee, O Lord my God, lo I
do stretch my craving hands:
My soul desireth after thee,
as do the thirsty lands.
7 Hear me with speed, my spirit doth fail,
hide not thy face me fro:
Else shall I be like them that down
into the pit do go.
8 Let me thy loving kindness in
the morning hear and know:
For in thee is my trust, shew me
the way where I shall go.
9 For I lift up my soul to thee,
O Lord, deliver me
From all mine enemies: for I
have hidden me with thee.
10 Teach me to do thy will, for thou,
thou art my God, I say,
Let thy good spirit unto the land
of mercy me convey.
11 For thy Names sake with quickning grace
alive do thou me make:
And out of trouble bring my soul
even for thy justice sake.

12 And for thy mercy slay my foes,
O Lord, destroy them all
That do oppress my soul, for I
thy servant am and shall.

Benedictus Dom. Pſal. cxliv. N.

David praiseth the Lord for his victories and kingdom restored, yet calling for the destruction of the wicked: and declareth wherein the felicity of any people consisteth.

Blest be the Lord my strength, that doth
instruct my hands to fight:
The Lord that doth my fingers frame
to battel by his might.
2 He is my goodness, fort, and tower,
deliverer and shield:
In him I trust; my people he
subdues to me to yield.
3 O Lord, what thing is man, that him
thou holdest so in price?
Or son of man, that upon him
thou thinkest in such wise?
4 Man is but like to vanity,
so pass his days to end
5 As fleeting shade. Bow down, O Lord,
the heavens, and descend.
6 The mountains touch, and they shall smoke;
cast forth thy lightning flame
And scatter them: thine arrows shoot,
consume them with the same.
7 Send down thine hand even from above,
O Lord, deliver me:
Take me from waters great, from hand
of strangers make me free.
8 Whose subtil mouth of vanity
and fondness doth entreat:
And their right hand is a right hand
of falsehood and deceit.
9 A new song will I sing, O God,
and singing will I be
On viol and on instrument
ten-stringed unto thee.
10 Even he it is that onely gives
deliverance to kings:
Unto his servant David he'll
from hurtfull swords he brings.
11 From strangers hand me save and shield,
whose mouth talks vanity:
And their right hand is a right hand
of guile and subtilty.
12 That our sons may be as the plants
whom growing youth doth rear:
Our daughters as carv'd corner-stones,
like to a palace fair:
13 Our garners full, and plenty may
with lundry sorts be found:
Our sheep bring thousands, in our streets
ten thousands may abound.

14 Our oxen be to labour strong,
that none do us invade:
There be no goings out, nor cries
within our streets be made.
15 The people blessed are that with
such blessings are so stor'd:
Yea, blessed all the people are
whose God is God the Lord.

Exaltabo te. Psal. cxlv. N.

*David describeth the wonderfull providence of God,
in governing and preserving all the other crea-
tures. He praiseth God for his justice, mercy, and
special loving kindness towards all those that call
upon him, that fear him, and love him.*

Thee will I laud, my God and King,
and blest thy Name for ay:
2 For ever will I praise thy Name,
and blest thee day by day.
3 Great is the Lord, most worthy praise,
his greatness none can reach:
4 From race to race they shall thy works
praise, and thy power preach.
5 I of thy glorious majesty
the beauty will record:
And meditate upon thy works
most wonderfull, O Lord.
6 And they shall of thy power, and of
thy fearfull acts declare:
And I to publish all abroad
thy greatness will not spare.
7 And they into the mention shall
break of thy goodness great:
And I aloud thy righteousness
in singing shall repeat.
8 The Lord our God is gracious,
and mercifull also:
Of great abounding mercy, and
to anger he is slow:
9 Yea, good to all; and all his works
his mercy doth exceed:
10 Lo, all thy works do praise thee, Lord,
and do thy honour spread.
11 Thy saints do blest thee, and they do
thy kingdoms glory show:
12 And blaze thy power, to cause the sons
of men thy power to know;

The second part.

And of his mighty kingdom eke
to spread the glorious praise.
13 Thy kingdom, Lord, a kingdom is
that doth endure always:
And thy dominion through each age
endures without decay.
14 The Lord upholdeth them that fall,
their sliding he doth stay.

15 The eyes of all do wait on thee:
thou dost them all relieve:
And thou to each sufficing food
in season due dost give.
16 Thou openest thy plenteous hand,
and bounteously dost fill
All things whatsoever do live,
with gifts of thy good will.
17 The Lord is just in all his ways,
his works are holy all.
18 Near all he is that call on him,
in truth that on him call.
19 He the desires which they require
that fear him will fulfill:
And he will hear them when they cry,
and save them all he will.
20 The Lord preserves all those, to him
that bear a loving heart:
But he them all that wicked are
will utterly subvert.
21 My thankfull mouth shall gladly speak
the praises of the Lord:
All flesh to praise his holy Name
for ever shall accord.

Lauda, anima. Psal. cxlvi. J. H.

*David teacheth that none should put their trust in
men, but in God alone, who is almighty, and deli-
vereth the afflicted, nourisheth the poor, setteth pri-
soners at liberty, comforteth the fatherless, stran-
gers, and widows, and is King for ever.*

My soul, praise thou the Lord always,
my God I will confess:
2 While breath and life prolong my days,
my tongue no time shall cease.
3 Trust not in worldly princes then,
though they abound in wealth:
Nor in the sons of mortal men,
in whom there is no health.
4 For why? their breath doth soon depart,
to earth anon they fall:
And then the counsels of their heart
decay and perish all.
5 O happy is that man, I say,
whom Jacobs God doth aid,
And he whose hope doth not decay,
but on the Lord is staid.
6 Which made the earth and waters deep,
the heavens high withall:
Which doth his word and promise keep
in truth, and ever shall.
7 With right always doth he proceed
for such as suffer wrong:
The poor and hungry he doth feed,
and loose the fetters strong.
8 The Lord doth send the blind their sight,
the lame to limbs restore:
The Lord, I say, doth love the right
and just men evermore.

- 9 He doth defend the fatherless,
and stranger sad in heart,
And quit the widow from distress,
and ill mens ways subvert.
10 Thy Lord and God eternally,
O Sion, still shall reign,
In time of all posterity
for ever to remain.

Laudate Dominum. Psal. cxlvii. V. N.

The prophet praiseth the bounty, wisdom, power, justice, and providence of God upon all creatures, but especially upon his Church, which he gathered together after their dispersion, declaring his word and judgement so unto them, as he hath done to no other people.

- P**raise ye the Lord, for it is good
unto our God to sing:
For it is pleasant, and to praise
it is a comely thing.
2 The Lord his own Jerusalem
he buildeth up alone:
And the deserts of Israel
doth gather into one.
3 He heals the broken in their heart,
the sores up doth he bind:
4 He counts the number of the stars,
and names them in their kind.
5 Great is the Lord, great is his power,
his wisdom infinite.
6 The Lord relieves the meek, and throws
to ground the wicked wight.
7 Sing unto God the Lord with praise,
unto the Lord rejoyce:
And to our God upon the harp
advance your singing voice.
8 He covers heaven with clouds, and for
the earth prepareth rain:
And on the mountains he doth make
the grafs to grow again.
9 He gives to beasts their food, and to
young ravens when they cry:
10 His pleasure nor in strength of horse
nor in mans legs doth lie:
11 But in all those that fear the Lord
the Lord hath his delight.
And such as do attend upon
his mercies shining light.

The second part.

- 12 O praise the Lord, Jerusalem,
thy God, O Sion, praise:
13 For he the bars hath forged strong,
wherewith thy gates he stays.
14 Thy children he hath blest in thee,
and in thy borders he
Doth settle peace, and with the flour
of wheat he filleth thee.

- 15 And his commandment upon
the earth he sendeth out:
And eke his word with speedy course
doth swiftly run about.
16 He giveth snow like wooll, hear-frost
like ashes he doth spread:
17 Like morsels casts his ice, thereof
the cold who can abide?
18 He sendeth forth his mighty word,
and melteth them again:
His wind he makes to blow, and then
the waters flow again.
19 The doctrine of his holy word
to Jacob he doth show:
His statutes and his judgements he
gives Israel to know.
20 With every nation hath he not
so dealt, nor have they known:
His secret judgements, we therefore
praise ye the Lord alone.

Laudate Dominum. Psal. cxlviii. J. H.

He provoketh all creatures to praise the Lord in heaven, and in all places, specially for the power that he hath given to his people Israel.

- G**ive laud unto the Lord,
From heaven that is so high:
Praise him in deed and word,
Above the starry sky.
2 And also ye,
His angels all,
Armies royall,
Praise him with glee.
3 Praise him both moon and sun,
Which are so clear and bright:
The same of you be done,
Ye glistering stars of light:
4 And eke no less,
Ye heavens fair,
And clouds of the air,
His laud expresse.
5 For at his word they were
All formed as we see:
At his voice did appear
All things in their degree.
6 Which he set fast;
To them he made
A law and trade
For ay to last.
7 Extoll and praise Gods Name:
On earth ye dragons fell:
All deeps do ye the same,
For it becomes ye well.
8 Him magnifie,
Fire, hail, ice, snow,
And storms that blow
At his decree.

9 The hills and mountains all,
And trees that fruitfull are,
The cedars greene and tall
His worthy praise declare.

10 Beasts and cattel,
Yea birds flying,
And worms creeping,
That on earth dwell.

11 All kings both more and less
With all their pompous train,
Princes and all judges
That in the world remain,

Exalt his Name,

12 Young men and maids,
Old men and babes,
Do ye the same.

13 For his Name shall we prove
To be most excellent,
Whose praise is far above
The earth and firmament.

14 For sure he shall
Exalt with blis
The horn of his,
And help them all.

His saints all shall forth tell
His praise and worthiness,
The children of Israel
Each one both more and less :

And also they
That with good will
His words fulfill,
And him obey,

Cantate Domino. Psal. cxlix. N.

*An exhortation to the Church, to praise the Lord for
his victory and conquest that he giveth his saints
against all mans power.*

Sing ye unto the Lord our God
a new rejoycing song :
And let the praise of him be heard
his holy saints among.

2 Let Israel rejoyce in him
that made him of nothing :
And let the seed of Sion eke
be joyfull in their King.

3 Let them sound praise with voice of lute
unto his holy Name :

And with the timbrel and the harp
sing praises of the same.

4 For why? the Lord his pleasure all
hath in his people set :
And by deliverance he will raise
the meek to glory great.

5 With glory and with honour now
let all his saints rejoyce :

And now aloud upon their beds
advance their singing voice.

6 And in their mouths let be the acts
of God the mighty Lord :

And in their hands eke let them bear
a double edged sword :

7 To plague the heathen, and correct
the people with their hands :

8 To bind their stately kings in chains,
their lords in iron bands :

9 To execute on them the doom
that written is before,

This honour all his saints shall have,
praise ye the Lord therefore.

Laudate Dominum. Psal. cl. N.

*An exhortation to praise the Lord without ceasing,
by all manner of ways, for all his mighty and
wonderfull works.*

Yield unto God the mighty Lord
praise in his sanctuary :

And praise him in the firmament,
that shews his power on high.

2 Advance his Name, and praise him in
his mighty acts always :

According to his excellency
of greatness give him praise.

3 His praises with the princely noise
of sounding trumpets blow :

Praise him upon the viol, and
upon the harp also.

4 Praise him with timbrel and with flute
organs and virginals :

5 With sounding cymbals praise ye him,
praise him with loud cymbals.

6 What ever hath the benefit
of breathing, praise the Lord :

To praise the Name of God the Lord
agree with one accord.

The end of the P S A L M S.



*A song to be sung before morning
prayer. T. B.*

Praise ye the Lord, ye Gentiles all,
which hath brought you into his light:
O praise him all people mortal,
as it is most worthy and right.

For he is full determined
on us to pour out his mercy:
And the Lords truth be ye assur'd
abideth perpetually.

Glory be to God the Father,
and to Jesus Christ his true Son,
With th' holy Ghost in like manner,
now and at every season.

A song to be sung before evening prayer.

Behold now give heed, such as be
the Lords servants faithfull and true:
Come praise the Lord every degree,
with such songs as to him are due.

O ye that stand in the Lords house,
even in our own Gods mansion,
Praise ye the Lord so bounteous,
which worketh our salvation.

Lift up your hands in his holy place,
yea, and that in the time of night:
Praise ye the Lord which gives all grace,
for he is a lord of great might.

Then shall the Lord out of Sion,
which made heaven and earth by his power,
Give to you and your nation
his blessing, mercy, and favour.

Glory be to God the Father, &c.

*The ten Commandments of God.
Exod. 20. W. W.*

Atend my people and give ear,
Of ferly things I will thee tell:
See that my words in mind thou bear,
And to my precepts listen well.

1 I am thy sovereign Lord and God,
Which have thee brought from carefull thrall.
And eke reclaim'd from Pharaohs rod:
Make thee no gods on them to call:

2 Nor fashioned form of any thing
In heaven or earth to worship it:
For I thy God by revenging
With grievous plagues this sin will smite.

3 Take not in vain Gods holy Name,
Abuse it not after thy will:
For so thou might'st soon purchase blame,
And in his wrath he would thee spill.

4 The Lord from work the seventh day ceast,
And brought all things to perfect end:

So thou and thine that day take rest,
That to Gods hefts ye may attend.

5 Unto thy parents honour give,
As Gods commandments do intend:
That thou long days and good mayst live
In earth where God a place doth lend.

6 Beware of murder and cruel hate.

7 All filthy fornication fear.

8 See thou steal not in any rare.

9 False witness against no man bear.

10 Thy neighbours house with not to have,
His wife, or ought that he calls mine:
His field, his ox, his ass, his slave,
Or any thing which is not thine.

A Prayer.

The Spirit of grace grant us, O Lord,
To keep these laws our hearts restore:
And cause us all with one accord
To magnifie thy Name therefore.

For of our selves no strength we have
To keep these laws after thy will:
Thy might therefore, O Christ, we crave,
That we in thee may them fulfill.

Lord, for thy Names sake grant us this,
Thou art our strength, O Saviour Christ:
Of thee to speed how should we miss,
In whom our treasure doth consist?

To thee for evermore be praise,
With the Father in each respect,
And with the holy Spirit always,
The Comforter of thine elect.

The Lords Prayer. D. Cox.

Our Father which in heaven art,
And mak'it us all one brotherhood,
To call upon thee with one heart,
Our heavenly Father and our God:
Grant we pray not with lips alone,
But with our hearts deep sigh and grone.

Thy blessed Name be sanctifi'd,
Thy holy word might us inflame,
In holy life for to abide
To magnifie thy holy Name:

From all errours defend and keep
The little flock of thy poor sheep.

Thy kingdom come even at this hour,
And henceforth everlastingly:

Thine holy Ghost into us pour,
With all his gifts most plenteously.

From Satans rage and filthy band
Defend us with thy mighty hand.

Thy will be done with diligence,
Like as in heaven in earth also:

In trouble grant us patience,
Thee to obey in wealth and wo.

Let not flesh, bloud, or any ill,
Prevail against thy holy will.

Give

The Creed.

Give us this day our daily bread,
And all other good gifts of thine :
Keep us from war, and from bloudshed,
Also from sickness, dearth, and pine :
That we may live in quietness,
Without all greedy carefulness.

Forgive us our offences all,
Relieve our carefull conscience ;
As we forgive both great and small
Which unto us have done offence.
Prepare us, Lord, for to serve thee
In perfect love and unity.

O Lord, into temptation
Lead us not ; when the fiend doth rage,
To withstand his invasion
Give power and strength to every age.
Arm and make strong thy feeble host
With faith, and with the holy Ghost.

O Lord, from evil deliver us,
The days and times are dangerous :
From everlasting death save us,
And in our last need comfort us :
A blessed end to us bequeath,
Into thy hands our souls receive.

For thou, O Lord, art King of kings,
And thou hast power over all :
Thy glory shineth in all things,
In the wide world universal.

Amen, let it be done, O Lord,
That we have pray'd with one accord.

The twelve Articles of the Christian Faith.

All my belief and confidence
is in the Lord of might ;
The Father which all things hath made,
the day and eke the night :
The heavens and the firmament,
and also many a star :
The earth and all that is therein,
which pass mans reason far.
And in like manner I believe
in Christ our Lord his Son,
Coequal with the Deity,
and man in flesh and bone :
Conceived by the holy Ghost,
his word doth me assure :
And of his mother Mary born,
yet she a virgin pure.
Because mankind to Satan was
for sin in bond and thrall :
He came and offered up himself
to death, to save us all.
And suffering most grievous pain,
then Pilate being judge,
Was crucified on the cross,
and thereat did not grudge.
And so he died in the flesh,
but quickned in the sprite :

A prayer to the holy Ghost.

His body then was buried,
as is our use and rite.
His soul did after this descend
into the lower parts :
A dread unto the wicked spirits,
but joy to faithfull hearts.
And in the third day of his death
he rose to life again,
To th' end he might be glorif'd,
out of all grief and pain,
Ascending to the heavens high,
to sit in glory still
On Gods right hand his Father dear,
according to his will ;
Untill the day of judgement come,
when he shall come again
With angels power (yet of that day
we all be uncertain)
To judge all people righteously,
whom he hath dearly bought :
The living and the dead also,
which he hath made of nought.
And in the holy Spirit of God,
my faith to satisfie,
The third person in Trinity
believe I stedfastly :
The holy and catholick Church
that Gods word doth maintain,
And holy Scripture doth allow,
which Satan doth disdain.

And also I do trust to have
by Jesus Christ his death
Release and pardon of my sins,
and that onely by faith :
What time all flesh shall rise again
before the Lord of might ;
And see him with their bodily eyes,
which now do give them light.
And then shall Christ our Saviour
the sheep and goats divide,
And give life everlastingly
to those whom he hath tri'd :
Within his realm celestial
in glory for to rest,
With all his holy company
of saints and angels blest ;
Which serve the Lord omnipotent
obediently each hour :
To whom be all dominion
and praise for evermore.

A prayer to the holy Ghost, to be sung before the Sermon.

Come holy Spirit the God of might,
comforter of us all :
Teach us to know thy word aright,
that we do never fall.

Da pacem.

O holy Ghost, visit our coast,
defend us with thy shield:
Against all sin and wickedness,
Lord, help us win the field.

Lord, keep our king and his counsel,
and give them will and might
To persevere in thy Gospel,
which can put sin to flight.

O Lord, that giv'st thy holy word,
send preachers plenteously:
That in the same we may accord,
and therein live and die.

O holy Spirit, direct aright
the preachers of thy word,
That thou by them may'st cut down sin
as it were with a sword.

Depart not from thy pastours pure,
but aid them at their need:
Which break to us the bread of life,
whereon our souls do feed.

O blessed Spirit of truth keep us
in peace and unity,
Keep us from sects and errors all,
and from all papistry.
Convert all those that are our foes,
and bring them to thy light:
That they and we may well agree,
and praise thee day and night.

O Lord, increase our faith in us,
and love so to abound;
That man and wife be void of strife,
and neighbours about us round.
In our time give thy peace, O Lord,
to nations far and nigh:
And teach them all thy holy word,
that we may sing to thee.

All glory to the Trinity
that is of mighties most:
The living Father, and the Son,
and eke the holy Ghost.
As it hath been in all the time
that hath been heretofore:
As it is now, and so shall be
henceforth for evermore.

Da pacem, Domine.

Give peace in these our days, O Lord,
Great dangers are now at hand:
Thine enemies with one accord
Christ's Name in every land
Seek to deface,
Root out and race
Thy true right worship indeed.
Be thou the stay,
Lord, we thee pray,
Thou help'st alone in all need.

The Lamentation.

Give us that peace that we do lack
Through misbelief and ill life:
Thy word to offer thou dost not slack,
Which we unkindly gain-strive,
With fire and sword
This healthfull word
Some persecute and oppress:
Some with the mouth
Confess the truth
Without sincere godliness.
Give peace, and us thy Spirit down send,
With grief and repentance true
Do pierce our hearts, our lives to amend
And by faith in Christ renew:
That fear and dread,
War and bloudshed,
Through thy sweet mercy and grace,
May from us slide:
Thy truth may bide,
And shine in every place,

The Lamentation.

O Lord, in thee is all my trust,
give ear unto my wofull cry:
Refuse me not that am unjust,
but bowing down thy heavenly eye,
Behold how I do still lament
my sins wherein I do offend:
O Lord, for them shall I be shent,
sith thee to please I do intend?
No, no; not so thy will is bent
to deal with sinners in thine ire:
But when in heart they shall repent,
thou grant'st with speed their just desire.
To thee therefore still shall I cry,
to wash away my sinfull crime:
Thy blood, O Lord, is not yet dry
but that it may help me in time.
Haste thee, O Lord, haste thee, I say,
to pour on me thy gifts of grace,
That when this life shall flit away
in heaven with thee I may have place:
Where thou dost reign eternally
with God which once did down thee send,
Where angels sing continually:
to thee be praise world without end.

*A Thanksgiving after the receiving
of the Lords Supper.*

THe Lord be thanked for his gifts
and mercies evermore
That he doth shew unto his saints:
to him be laud therefore.
Our tongues cannot so praise the Lord
as he doth right deserve:
Our hearts cannot of him so think
as he doth us preserve.

A Thanksgiving.

His benefits they be so great
to us that be but sin,
That at our hands for recompence
there is no hope to win.
O sinfull flesh, that thou should'st have
such mercies of the Lord!
Thou dost deserve most worthily
of him to be abhorr'd.

Nought else but sin and wretchedness
doth rest within our hearts:
And stubbornly against the Lord
we daily play our parts.
The sun above in firmament
that is to us a light,
Doth shew it self more clear and pure
then we be in his sight.

The heavens above and all therein
more holy are then we:
They serve the Lord in their estate,
each one in his degree.
They do not strive for mastership,
nor slack their office set:
But serve the Lord and do his will,
hate is to them no let.

Also the earth and all therein
of God it is in aw,
It doth observe the formers will,
by skilfull natures law.
The sea and all that is therein
doth bend when God doth beck:
The spirits beneath do tremble all,
and fear his wrathfull check.

But we (alas!) for whom all these
were made them for to rule,
Do not so know or love the Lord
as doth the ox or mule.
A law he gave for us to know,
what was his holy will:
He would us good, but we would not
avoid the thing is ill.

Not one of us that seeketh out
the Lord of life to please:
Nor doth the thing that might us lead
to Christ and quiet ease.
Thus are we all his enemies,
we can it not deny:

And he again of his good will
would not that we should die.

Therefore when remedy was none
to bring us unto life,

The Son of God our flesh he took
to end our mortal strife.

And all the law of God the Lord
he did it full obey:

And for our sins upon the cross
his blood our debts did pay.

And that we should not yet forget
what good he to us wrought,

A sign he left our eyes to tell
that he our bodies bought.
In bread and wine here visible
unto thine eyes and taste,
His mercies great thou may'st record
if that his Spirit thou hast.

As once the corn did live and grow,
and was cut down with sicke,
And threshed out with many stripes,
out from his husk to drive;
And as the mill with violence
did tear it out so small,
And made it like to earthly dust,
not sparing it at all;

And as the oven with fire hot
did close it up with heat,
And all this done that I have said,
that it should be our meat:
So was the Lord in his ripe age
cut down by cruel death:
His soul he gave in torments great,
and yielded up his breath.

Because that he to us might be
an everlasting bread,
With much reproach and troubles great,
on earth his life he led.
And as the grapes in pleasant time
are pressed very sore,
And plucked down when they be ripe,
and let to grow no more;

Because the juyce that in them is
as comfortable drink
We might receive, and joyfull be
when sorrows make us shrink:
So Christ his blood out pressed was,
with nails and eke with spear:
The juyce thereof doth save all those
that rightly do him fear.

And as the corns by unity
into one loaf are knit:
So is the Lord and his whole Church,
though he in heaven sit.
As many grapes make but one wine,
so should we be but one
In faith and love in Christ above,
and unto Christ alone:

Leading a life without all strife,
in quiet rest and peace:
From envy and from malice both
our hearts and tongues to cease.
Which if we do, then shall we shew
that we his chosen be:
By faith in him to lead a life
as always willed he.

And that we may so do indeed,
God send us all his grace:
Then after death we shall be sure
with him to have a place.

Prayers.

R. W.

Preserve us, Lord, by thy dear word;
From Turk and Pope defend us Lord:
Which both would thrust out of his throne
Our Lord Jesus Christ thy dear Son.

Lord Jesus Christ, shew forth thy might,
That thou art Lord of lords by right:
Thy poor afflicted flock defend,
That we may praise thee without end.

God holy Ghost our Comforter,
Be our patron, help, and succour:
Give us one mind and Perfect peace,
All gifts of grace in us increase.

Thou living God in persons three,
Thy Name be prais'd in unitie:
In all our need so us defend,
That we may praise thee without end.

F I N I S.

P R A Y E R S.

A Form of Prayer to be used in private houses every Morning and Evening.

Morning Prayer.

Almighty God and most mercifull Father,
we do not present our selves here before
thy majesty, trusting in our own merits or
worthiness, but in thy manifold mercies, which
hast promised to hear our prayers, and grant our
requests which we shall make to thee in the name
of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who also
hath commanded us to assemble our selves to-
gether in his name, with full assurance that he will
not onely be amongst us, but also be our media-
tour and Advocate towards thy majesty, that we
may obtain all things which shall seem expedient
to thy blessed will, for our necessities. Therefore
we beseech thee, most mercifull Father, to turn
thy loving countenance towards us, and impute
not unto us our manifold sins and offences, where-
by we justly deserve thy wrath and sharp punish-
ment, but rather receive us to thy mercy, for Je-
sus Christs sake, accepting his death and passion
as a just recompence for all our offences, in whom
thou art well pleased, and through whom thou
canst not be offended with us. And seeing that of
thy great mercies we have quietly passed this
night: grant (O heavenly Father) that we may
bestow this day wholly in thy service, so that all
our thoughts, words, and deeds may redound to
the glory of thy great name, and good example
to all men, who seeing our good works may glo-
rifie thee our heavenly Father.

And forasmuch as of thy meer favour and love
thou hast not onely created us to thine own simi-
litude and likeness, but also hast chosen us to be
heirs with thy dear Son Jesus Christ, of that im-
mortal kingdom which thou preparedst for us from
the beginning of the world; we beseech thee to in-
crease our faith and knowledge, and to lighten
our hearts with thy holy Spirit, that we may in
the mean time live in godly conversation and in-
tegrity of life, knowing that idolaters, adulterers,
covetous men, contentious persons, drunkards,
gluttons, and such like, shall not inherit the king-
dom of God.

And because thou hast commanded us to pray

one for another, we do not onely make request, O
Lord, for our selves, and for them that thou hast
already called to the true understanding of thy
heavenly will, but for all people and nations of the
world; who as they know by thy wonderfull
works that thou art God over all, so they may be
instructed by thy holy Spirit to believe in thee
their onely Saviour and Redeemer. But forasmuch
as they cannot believe except they hear, nor cannot
hear but by preaching, and none can preach except
they be sent; therefore, O Lord, raise up faith-
full distributors of thy mysteries, who setting a-
part all worldly respects, may both in their life
and doctrine onely seek thy glory. Contrarily,
confound Satan and Antichrist with all hirelings,
whom thou hast already cast off into a reprobate
sense, that they may not by sects, schisms, heresies
and errors, disquiet thy little flock. And because,
O Lord, we be fallen into the latter days and dan-
gerous times, wherein ignorance hath gotten the
upper hand, and Satan by his ministers seeketh by
all means to quench the light of thy gospel; we
beseech thee to maintain thy cause against those
ravening wolves, and strengthen all thy servants
whom they keep in prison and bondage. Let not
thy long-suffering be an occasion either to in-
crease their tyranny, or to discourage thy children:
neither yet let our sins and wickedness be an hin-
derance to thy mercies, but with speed, O Lord,
consider these great miseries. For thy people Isra-
el many times by their sins provoked thine anger,
and thou punishedst them by thy just judgement:
yet though their sins were never so grievous, if
they once returned from their iniquity, thou recei-
vedst them to mercy. We therefore, most wretched
sinners, bewail our manifold sins, and earnestly re-
pent us of our former wickedness, and ungodly be-
haviour towards thee: and whereas we cannot of
our selves purchase thy pardon, yet we humbly be-
seech thee for Jesus Christs sake, to shew thy mer-
cies upon us, and receive us again to thy favour.
Grant us, dear Father, these our requests, and all o-
ther things necessary for us & thy whole Church,

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according to thy promise in Jesus Christ our Lord : In whose name we beseech thee as he hath taught us, saying, *Our Father which art, &c.*

Evening Prayer.

O Lord God, Father everlasting, and full of pity, we acknowledge and confess that we be not worthy to lift up our eyes to heaven, much less to present our selves before thy Majesty, with confidence that thou wilt hear our prayers, and grant our requests, if we consider our own deserving; for our consciences do accuse us, and our sins do witness against us, and we know that thou art an upright Judge, which dost not justify the sinners and wicked men, but punishest the faults of all such as transgress thy commandments : yet, most mercifull Father, since it hath pleased thee to command us to call on thee in all our troubles and adversities, promising even then to help us, when we feel our selves as it were swallowed up of death and desperation ; we utterly renounce all worldly confidence, and fly to thy sovereign bounty as our onely stay and refuge : beseeching thee not to call to remembrance our manifold sins and wickedness, whereby we continually provoke thy wrath and indignation against us ; neither our negligence and unkindness, which have neither worthily esteemed, nor in our lives sufficiently expressed the sweet comfort of thy gospel revealed unto us : but rather to accept the obedience and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, who by offering up his body in sacrifice once for all, hath made a sufficient recompence for all our sins. Have mercy therefore upon us, O Lord, and forgive us our offences. Teach us by thy holy Spirit that we may rightly weigh them, and earnestly repent us for the same. And so much the rather, O Lord, because that the reprobate and such as thou hast forsaken cannot praise thee, nor call upon thy name ; but the repenting heart, the sorrowfull mind, the conscience oppressed, hungry and thirsting for thy grace, shall ever set forth thy praise and glory. And albeit we be but worms and dust, yet thou art our Creatour, and we be the work of thy hands ; yea, thou art our Father, and we thy children ; thou art our Shepherd, and we thy flock ; thou art our Redeemer, and we thy people whom thou hast bought ; thou art our God, and we thine inheritance. Correct us not therefore in thine anger, O Lord, neither according to our deserts punish us, but mercifully chastise us with a fatherly affection, that all the world may know, that at what time soever a sinner doth repent him of his sins from the bottom of his heart, thou wilt put away all his wickedness out of thy remembrance, as thou hast promised by thy holy Prophet.

Finally, forasmuch as it hath pleased thee to make the night for man to rest in, as thou hast ordained him the day to travel in ; grant, O dear Father, that we may so take our bodily rest, that our souls may continually watch for the time that

our Lord Jesus Christ shall appear for our deliverance out of this mortal life : and in the mean season that we not overcome by any fantasies, dreams, or other temptations : may fully set our minds upon thee, love thee, fear thee, and rest in thee : furthermore, that our sleep be not excessive or overmuch, after the insatiable desires of the flesh, but onely sufficient to content our weak nature, that we may be the better disposed to live in all godly conversation, to the glory of thy most holy name, and the profit of our brethren. So be it.

A godly prayer to be said at all times.

Honour and praise be given to thee, O Lord God Almighty, most dear Father of heaven, for all thy mercies and loving kindness shewed unto us, in that it hath pleased thy gracious goodness, freely and of thine own accord, to elect and choose us to salvation, before the beginning of the world ; and even like continual thanks be given to thee for creating us after thine own image, for redeeming us with the precious blood of thy dear Son when we were utterly lost, for sanctifying us with thy holy Spirit in the revelation and knowledge of thy holy word, for helping and succouring us in all our needs and necessities, for saving us from all dangers of body and soul, for comforting us so fatherly in all our tribulations and persecutions, for sparing us so long, and giving us so large a time of repentance. These benefits, O most mercifull Father, like as we acknowledge to have received them of thy onely goodness ; even so we beseech thee for thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, grant us always thy holy Spirit, that we may continually grow in thankfulness towards thee, to be led in all truth, and comforted in all our adversities. O Lord, strengthen our faith, kindle it more in ferventness and love towards thee, and our neighbours for thy sake. Suffer us not, most dear Father, to receive thy word any more in vain : but grant us always the assistance of thy grace and holy Spirit, that in heart, word and deed we may sanctifie and do worship to thy name, help to amplify and increase thy kingdom, and whatsoever thou sendest, we may be heartily well content with thy good pleasure and will. Let us not lack the thing, O Father, without the which we cannot serve thee ; but bless thou so all the works of our hands, that we may have sufficient, and not be chargeable, but rather helpfull to others. Be mercifull, O Lord, to our offences ; and seeing our debt is great which thou hast forgiven us in Jesus Christ, make us to love thee and our neighbours so much the more. Be thou our Father, our captain and defender in all temptations, hold thou us by thy mercifull hand, that we may be delivered from all inconveniences, and end our lives in the sanctifying and honour of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord and onely Saviour. So be it.

Let thy mighty hand and out-stretched arm, O Lord, be still our defence; thy mercy and loving kindness in Jesus Christ thy dear Son, our salvation; thy true and holy word, our instruction; thy grace and holy Spirit, our comfort and consolation, unto the end and in the end. So be it.

O Lord, increase our faith,

A confession for all estates and times.

O Eternall God and most mercifull Father, we confess and acknowledge here before thy Divine Majesty, that we are miserable sinners, conceived and born in sin and iniquity, so that in us there is no goodness. For the flesh evermore rebelleth against the Spirit, whereby we continually transgress thy holy precepts and commandments, and so purchase to our selves through thy just judgement, death and damnation. Notwithstanding, O heavenly Father, forasmuch as we are displeased with our selves for the sins that we have committed against thee, and do unfeignedly repent us of the same, we most humbly beseech thee for Jesus Christs sake to shew thy mercy upon us, to forgive us all our sins, and increase thy holy Spirit in us, that we acknowledging from the bottom of our hearts our own unrighteousness, may from henceforth not onely mortifie our sinfull lusts and affections, but also bring forth such fruits as may be agreeable to thy most blessed will, not for the worthiness thereof, but for the merits of thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our onely Saviour, whom thou hast already given an oblation and offering for our sins, and for whose sake we are certainly perswaded that thou wilt deny us nothing that we shall ask in his name, according to thy will; for thy Spirit doth assure our consciences that thou art our mercifull Father, and so lovest us thy children through him, that nothing is able to remove thy heavenly grace and favour from us. To thee therefore, O Father, with thy Son, and the holy Ghost, be all honour and glory world without end. Amen.

A prayer to be said before a man begin his work.

O Lord God most merciful Father and Saviour, seeing it hath pleased thee to command us to travel, that we may relieve our need; we beseech thee of thy grace so to bless our labours, that thy blessing may extend unto us, without the which we are not able to continue; and that this great favour may be a witness unto us of thy bountifullness and assistance, so that thereby we may know the fatherly care that thou hast over us. Moreover, O Lord, we beseech thee, that thou wouldst strengthen us with thy holy Spirit, that we may faithfully travel in our estate and vocation, without fraud or deceit; and that we may endeavour our selves to follow thy holy ordinance, rather then to seek to satisfie our greedy affections, or desire to gain. And if it please thee, O

Lord, to prosper our labour, give us a mind also to help them that have need, according to that ability that thou of thy mercy shalt give us. And knowing that all good things come of thee, grant that we may humble our selves to our neighbours, and not by any means lift up our selves above them which have not received so liberal a portion as thou of thy mercy hast given unto us. And if it please thee to try and exercise us by greater poverty and need then our flesh would desire, that thou wouldst yet, O Lord, grant us grace to know that thou wilt nourish us continually through thy bountifull liberality, that we be not so tempted that we fall into distrust, but that we may patiently wait till thou fill us, not onely with corporal graces and benefits, but chiefly with thy heavenly and spiritual treasures, to the intent that we may always have more ample occasion to give thee thanks, and so wholly to rest upon thy mercies. Hear us, O Lord of mercy, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A prayer for the whole estate of Christs Church.

A Almighty God and most mercifull Father, we humbly submit our selves and fall down before thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee from the bottom of our hearts, that the seed of thy word now sown amongst us, may take such deep root, that neither the burning heat of persecution cause it to wither, neither the thorny cares of this life choke it; but that as seed sown in good ground, it may bring forth thirty, sixty, and an hundred-fold, as thy heavenly wisdom hath appointed. And because we have need continually to crave many things at thy hands, we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, to grant us thy holy Spirit to direct our petitions, that they may proceed from such a fervent mind, as may be agreeable to thy most blessed will. And seeing that our infirmity is able to do nothing without thy help, and that thou art not ignorant with how many and great temptations we poor wretches are on every side inclosed and compassed; let thy strength, O Lord, sustain our weakness, that we being defended with the force of thy grace, may be safely preserved against all assaults of Satan, who goeth about continually like a roaring lion seeking to devour us. Increase our faith, O mercifull Father, that we do not swerve at any time from thy heavenly word; but augment in us hope and love, with a carefull keeping of all thy commandments, that no hardness of heart, no hypocrisie, no concupiscence of the eyes, nor inticements of the world, do draw us away from thy obedience. And seeing we live now in these most perilous times, let thy fatherly providence defend us against the violence of our enemies, which do seek by all means to oppress thy truth.

Furthermore, forasmuch as by thy holy apostle we be taught to make our prayers and supplications

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ons for all men ; we pray not onely for our selves here present, but beseech thee also to reduce all such as be yet ignorant, from the miserable captivity of blindness and errour, to the pure understanding and knowledge of thy heavenly truth, that we all with one consent, and unity of mind, may worship thee our onely God and Saviour : and that all pastours, shepherds and ministers, to whom thou hast committed the dispensation of thy holy word and charge of thy chosen people, may both in their life and doctrine be found faithful, setting onely before their eyes thy glory ; and that by them all poor sheep which wander and go astray, may be gathered and brought home to thy fold. Moreover, because the hearts of all rulers are in thy hands, we beseech thee to direct and govern the hearts of all kings, princes, and magistrates, to whom thou hast committed the sword. Especially, O Lord, according to our bounden duty, we beseech thee to maintain and increase the honourable estate of the Kings majesty, and all his most noble counsellors and magistrates, with all the spiritual pastours and ministers, and all the whole body of this commonweal. Let thy fatherly favour so preserve them, and thy holy Spirit so govern their hearts, that they may in such sort execute their office, that thy religion may be purely maintained, manners reformed, and sin punished, according to the precise rule of thy holy word. And for that we be all members of the mystical body of Jesus Christ, we make our requests unto thee, O heavenly Father, for all such as are afflicted with any kind of cross or tribulation, as war, plague, famine, sickness, poverty, imprisonment, persecution, banishment, or any other kind of thy rods, whether it be calamity of body, or vexation of mind ; that it would please thee to give them patience and constancy, till thou send them full deliverance out of all their troubles. Root out from hence, O Lord, all ravening wolves, which to fill their bellies seek to destroy thy flock. And shew thy great mercies upon those our brethren in other countreys, which are persecuted, cast into prison, and daily condemned for the testimony of thy truth : and although they be utterly destitute of all mans aid, yet let thy sweet comfort never depart from them ; but so inflame their hearts with thy holy Spirit, that they may boldly and cheerfully abide such trial, as thy good wisdom shall appoint ; so that at length, as well by their death as by their life, the kingdom of thy dear Son Jesus Christ may increase and shine through all the world. In whose name we make our humble petitions unto thee as he hath taught us : *Our Father which art, &c.*

The confession of the Christian faith.

I Beleeve and confess my Lord God eternal, infinite, unmeasurable, incomprehensible, and

invisible, one in substance, and three in person, Father, Son, and holy Ghost : who by his almighty power and wisdom, hath not onely of nothing created heaven and earth, and all things therein contained, and man after his own image, that he might in him be glorified ; but also by his fatherly providence governeth, maintaineth, and preserveth the same according to the purpose of his will.

I believe also and confess Jesus Christ the onely Saviour and Messias : who being equal with God, made himself of no reputation, but took on him the shape of a servant, and became man, in all things like unto us except sin, to assure us of mercy and forgiveness. For when through our father Adams transgressions, we were become children of perdition, there was no means to bring us from the yoke of sin and damnation, but onely Jesus Christ our Lord ; who giving us that by grace, which was his by nature, made us through faith the children of God : Who when the fulness of time was come, was conceived by the power of the holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, according to the flesh, and preached in earth the gospel of salvation : till at length by tyranny of the priests, he was guiltless condemned under Pontius Pilate then President of Jewry, and most slanderously hanged on the cross between two thieves, as a notorious trespasser ; where taking upon him the punishment of our sins, he delivered us from the curse of the law. And forasmuch as he being onely God, could not feel death, neither being onely man could overcome death ; he joyned both together, and suffered his humanity to be punished with most cruel death, feeling in himself the anger and severe judgement of God, even as he had been in extreme torments of hell, and therefore cried with a loud voice, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me ?* Thus of his mercy without compulsion, he offered up himself as the onely sacrifice to purge the sins of all the world : So that all other sacrifices for sin are blasphemous, and derogate from the sufficiency hereof. Which death albeit it did sufficiently reconcile us to God, yet the Scriptures commonly do attribute our regeneration to his resurrection. For as by rising again from the grave the third day, he conquered death ; even so the victory of our faith standeth in his resurrection : and therefore without the one we cannot feel the benefits of the other. For as by his death sin was taken away, so our righteousness was restored by his resurrection. And because he would accomplish all things, and take possession for us in his kingdom, he ascended into heaven to enlarge the same kingdom by the abundant power of his Spirit, by whom we are most assured of his continual intercession towards God the Father for us. And although he be in heaven as touching his corporal presence, where the Father hath now set him at
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his right hand, committing unto him the administration of all things, as well in heaven above, as in the earth beneath, yet is he present with us his members, even to the end of the world, in preserving and governing us with his effectual power and grace: Who, when all things are fulfilled which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his prophets since the world began, will come in the same visible form in the which he ascended, with an unspeakable majesty, power, and company, to separate the lambs from the goats, the elect from the reprobate: so that none whether he be alive then, or dead before, shall escape his judgement.

Moreover, I believe and confess the holy Ghost, God equal with the Father and the Son; who regenerateth and sanctifieth us, ruleth and guideth us unto all truth, perswading us most assuredly in our consciences, that we be the children of God, brethren to Jesus Christ, and fellow-heirs with him of life everlasting.

Yet notwithstanding it is not sufficient to believe that God is omnipotent and mercifull, that Christ hath made satisfaction, or that the holy Ghost hath his power and effect, except we do apply the same benefits to us which are Gods elect. I believe therefore and confess one holy Church; which (as members of Jesus Christ the onely Head thereof) consent in faith, hope and charity, using the gifts of God, whether they be temporal or spiritual, to the profit and furtherance of the same. Which Church is not seen to mans eye, but onely known to God: who of the lost sons of Adam, hath ordained some as vessels of wrath to damnation, and hath chosen others as vessels of his mercy to be saved; the which in due time he calleth to integrity of life, and godly conversation, to make them a glorious Church in himself. But that Church which is visible and seen to the eye, hath three tokens and marks whereby it may be known. First, the word of God contained in the old and new testament: Which as it is above the authority of the same Church, and onely sufficient to instruct us in all things concerning salvation; so is it left for all degrees of men, to read and understand. For without this word, neither Church, Council, nor Decree can establish any point touching salvation. The second is the holy Sacraments, to wit, of Baptism, and the Lords Supper. Which Sacraments Christ hath left unto us as holy signs and seals of his promises. For as by Baptism once received, is signified, that we (as well infants, as others of age and discretion) being strangers from God by original sin, are received into his family and congregation, with full assurance, that although this root of sin lie hid in us; yet to the elect it shall not be imputed: so the Supper declareth,

that God as a most provident Father, doth not onely feed our bodies, but also spiritually nourisheth our souls with the graces and benefits of Jesus Christ, which the Scripture calleth eating of his flesh, and drinking of his blood. Neither must we in the administration of these Sacraments follow mans fantasie; but as Christ himself hath ordained, so must they be ministred, and by such as by ordinary vocation are thereunto called. Therefore whosoever reserveth and worshippeth these Sacraments, and contrariwise contemneth them in time and place, procureth to himself damnation. The third mark of this Church is Ecclesiastical Discipline; which standeth in admonition, and correction of faults. The final end whereof is excommunication by the consent of the Church determined, if the offender be obstinate. And besides this Ecclesiastical Discipline, I acknowledge to belong to this Church a politick Magistrate, who ministreth to every man justice, defending the good, and punishing the evil; to whom we must render honour and obedience in all things which are not contrary to the word of God. And as Moses, Ezechias, Josias, and other good rulers purged the Church of God from superstition and idolatry: so the defence of Christs Church appertaineth to Christian Magistrates, against all idolaters and hereticks, as Papists, Anabaptists, with such like limbs of Antichrist, to root out all doctrine of devils and men; as the mass, purgatory, *limbus patrum*, prayers to saints, and for the dead, free-will, distinction of meats, apparel and days, vows of single life, presence at idol-service, mans-merits, with such like, which draw us from the society of Christs Church wherein standeth onely remission of sins, purchased by Christs blood to all them that believe, whether they be Jews or Gentiles, and lead us to a vain confidence in creatures, and trust in our own imaginations. The punishment whereof although God oftentimes deferreth in this life, yet after the general resurrection, when our souls and bodies shall rise again to immortality, they shall be damned to unquenchable fire: and then we which have forsaken all mens wisdom to cleave unto Christ, shall hear the joyfull voice, *Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world*; and so shall go triumphing with him in body and soul to remain everlastingly in glory, where we shall see God face to face, and shall no more need to instruct one another; we shall all know him from the highest to the lowest. To whom with the Son and the holy Ghost, be all praise, honour, and glory, now and ever. So be it.

**A Table for the whole Number of the Psalms, and also in what
leaf you may find every of them.**

<i>Pfalm.</i>	A	<i>Folio.</i>	<i>Pfalm.</i>	L	<i>Folio.</i>
30	A ll laud and praise	23	6	L ord, in thy	10
49	A ll people	36	16	L ord, keep	14
78	Attend my people	57	26	Lord, be my Judge	21
82	Amid the preas	61	35	Lord, plead my	27
100	All people that	72	42	Like as the hart	33
	B		68	Let God arise	48
81	B e light and glad	60	72	Lord, give thy	52
119	B lessed are they	87	86	Lord, bow thine	63
128	Blessed art thou	96	88	Lord God of	64
134	Behold and have	98	130	Lord, to thee	96
142	Before the Lord	102	140	Lord, save me	101
144	Blest be the Lord	113	143	Lord, hear my	103
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38	D o not, O God,	61	23	M y shepherd is	20
	E		45	M y heart doth	34
127	E xcept the Lord	96	62	My soul to God	45
	G		71	My Lord my God	51
29	G ive to the Lord	23	103	My soul, give laud	74
37	G rudge not to see	28	104	My soul, praise the	75
48	Great is the Lord	36	146	My soul, praise thou	104
54	God save me for	41		N	
105	Give praises unto	76	115	N ot unto us	84
107	Give thanks unto	80	124	N ow Israel	94
148	Give laud unto	105		O	
	H		3	O Lord, how are	9
12	H elp, Lord, for	13	4	O God that art	9
13	H ow long wilt	13	7	O Lord my God,	10
51	Have mercy on me	40	8	O God our Lord,	11
56	Have mercy, Lord	42	15	O Lord, within thy	14
67	Have mercy on us	48	17	O Lord, give ear	15
73	However it be	53	18	O God my strength	15
84	How pleasant is	62	21	O Lord, how joyfull	18
91	He that within	68	22	O God my God,	19
	I		31	O Lord, I put my	24
5	I ncline thine ears	9	44	Our ears have heard	33
11	I n trust in God	13	51	O Lord, consider	39
20	In trouble and	18	55	O God, give ear	41
25	I lift my heart	21	60	O Lord, thou didst	45
34	I will give laud	26	63	O God my God,	46
39	I said, I will	31	64	O Lord, unto my	46
40	I waited long	31	70	O God, to me	51
43	Judge and revenge	33	79	O God, the Gentiles,	59
77	I with my voice	56	94	O Lord, thou dost	69
92	It is a thing	68	95	O come let us	70
100	In God the Lord	72	98	O sing ye now	71
101	I mercy will and	72	102	O hear my prayer	73
109	In speechless	82	108	O God, my heart	81
116	I love the Lord	85	117	O all ye nations	86
120	In trouble and in	93	118	O give ye thanks	86
121	I lift mine eyes	94	123	O Lord that	94
122	I did in heart	94	129	O ft they (now	96
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136 O laud the Lord	99	80 Thou Herd that	60
139 O Lord, thou hast	101	85 Thou hast been	63
141 O Lord, upon thee	102	87 That city shall	64
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38 Plt me not to	30	90 Thou, Lord, hast been	67
106 P Praise ye the Lord	78	93 The Lord as King doth	69
136 Praise ye the Lord,	99	97 The Lord doth reign	71
147 Praise ye the Lord,	105	99 The Lord doth reign,	72
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61 R Egard, O Lord,	45	112 The man is blest	84
132 R Remember Davids	97	125 Those that do put	95
S		138 Thee will I praise	100
59 S End aid and save me	45	145 Thee will I laud	104
69 S Save me, O God	50	U	
96 Sing ye with praise	70	75 U Nto thee, God,	55
125 Such as in God	95	W	
149 Sing ye unto	106	2 W Hy did the Gentiles	8
T		9 With heart and	11
1 T He man is blest that hath	8	10 What is the cause	12
14 There is no God	14	52 Why dost thou tyrant	40
19 The heavens and	17	74 Why art thou, Lord,	54
23 The Lord is onely	20	111 With heart I do	83
24 The earth is all	20	114 When Israel by	84
27 The Lord is both	22	126 When that the Lord	95
28 Thou art, O Lord,	23	137 When as we sat	100
32 The man is blest	25	Y	
36 The wicked with	28	33 Y E righteous in	25
41 The man is blest that carefull	32	47 Y Ye people all with	35
46 The Lord is our	35	58 Ye rulers that	43
50 The mighty God	37	66 Ye men on earth	47
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These ye shall have in the beginning
of the Psalms.

*V*eni Creator Spiritus
The humble suit of a sinner.
Venite, exultemus
Te Deum laudamus
The song of the three children.
Benedictus
Magnificat anima mea
Nunc dimittis
Quicumque vult
The Lamentation of a sinner.
The *Pater Noster*.
The ten commandments.
The complaint of a sinner.

These ye shall have after the end
of the Psalms.

Praise ye the Lord, ye Gentiles
Behold now give good heed
Attend my people
The Lords prayer.
The Creed.
A prayer to the holy Ghost.
Da pacem.
O Lord, in thee is all my
A Thanksgiving.
Preserve us Lord

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of the Plains.

Give us Lord
 A Thanksgiving
 O Lord, in that is
 O Lord
 A prayer to the Holy One
 The One
 The Lord
 Around the people
 Richard now the good man
 The Lord

There is still more in the beginning
of the film.

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